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**WHAT'S IN
RUBI'S HAIR?**



**DANGEROUS DAN
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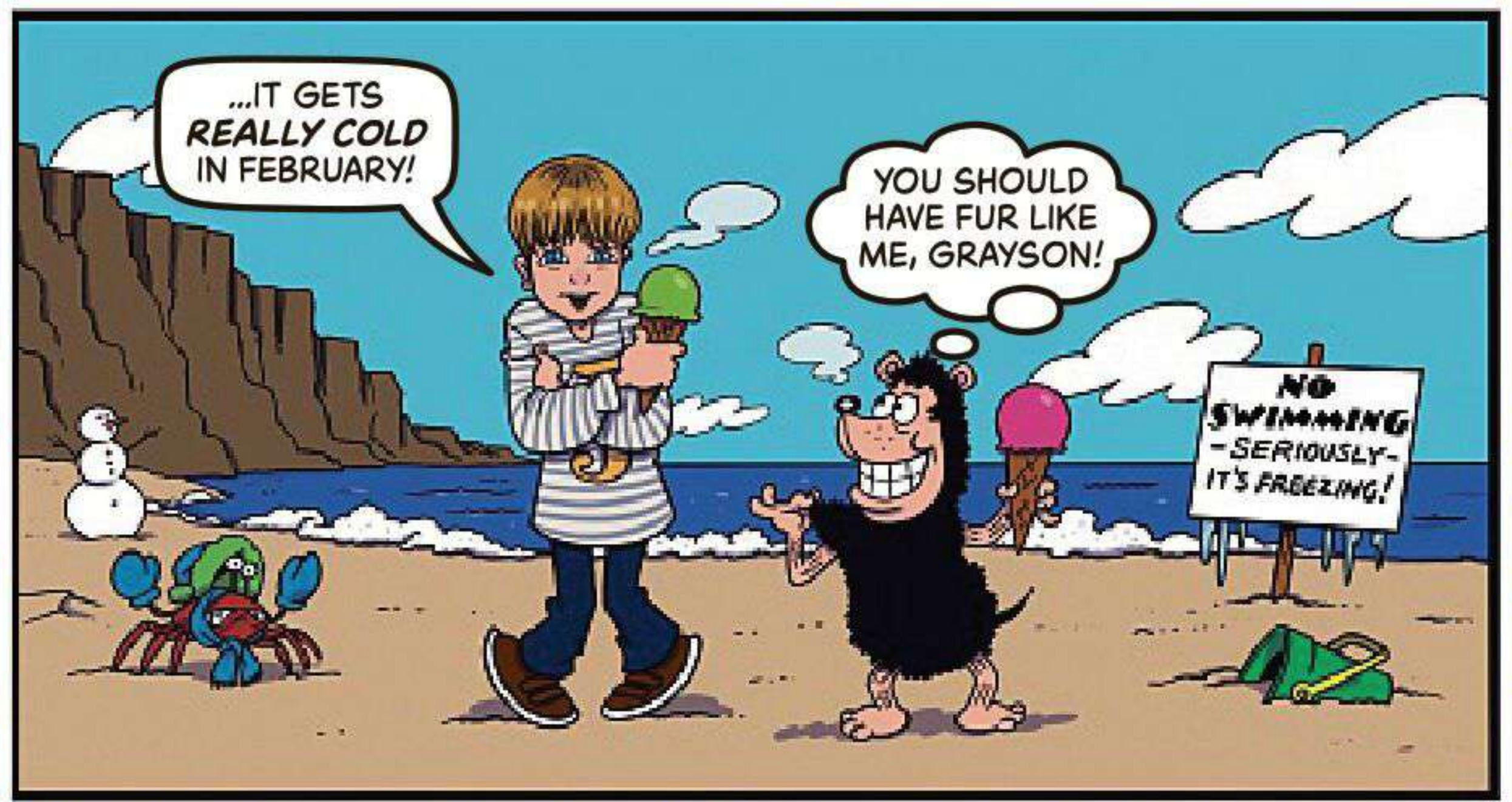
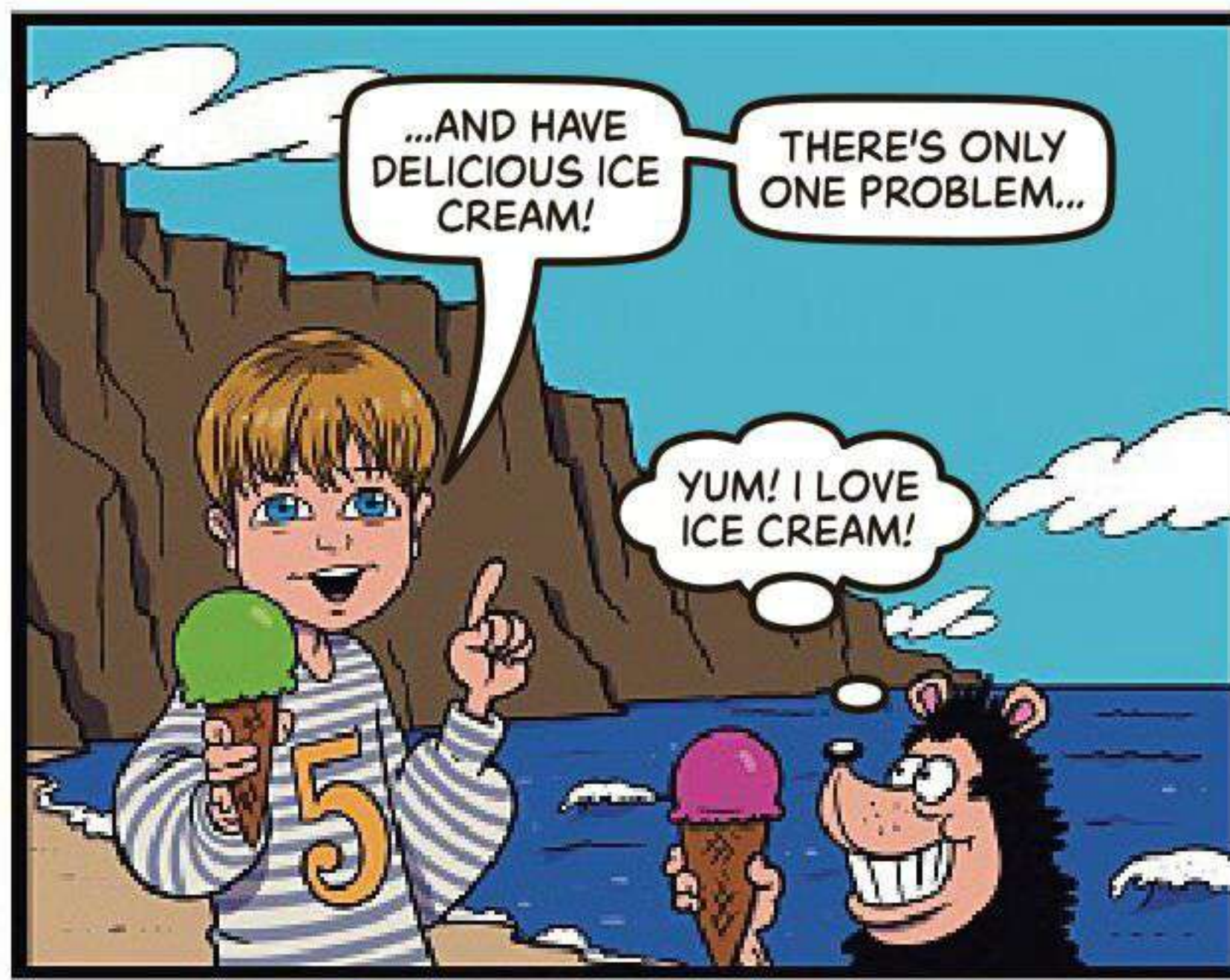
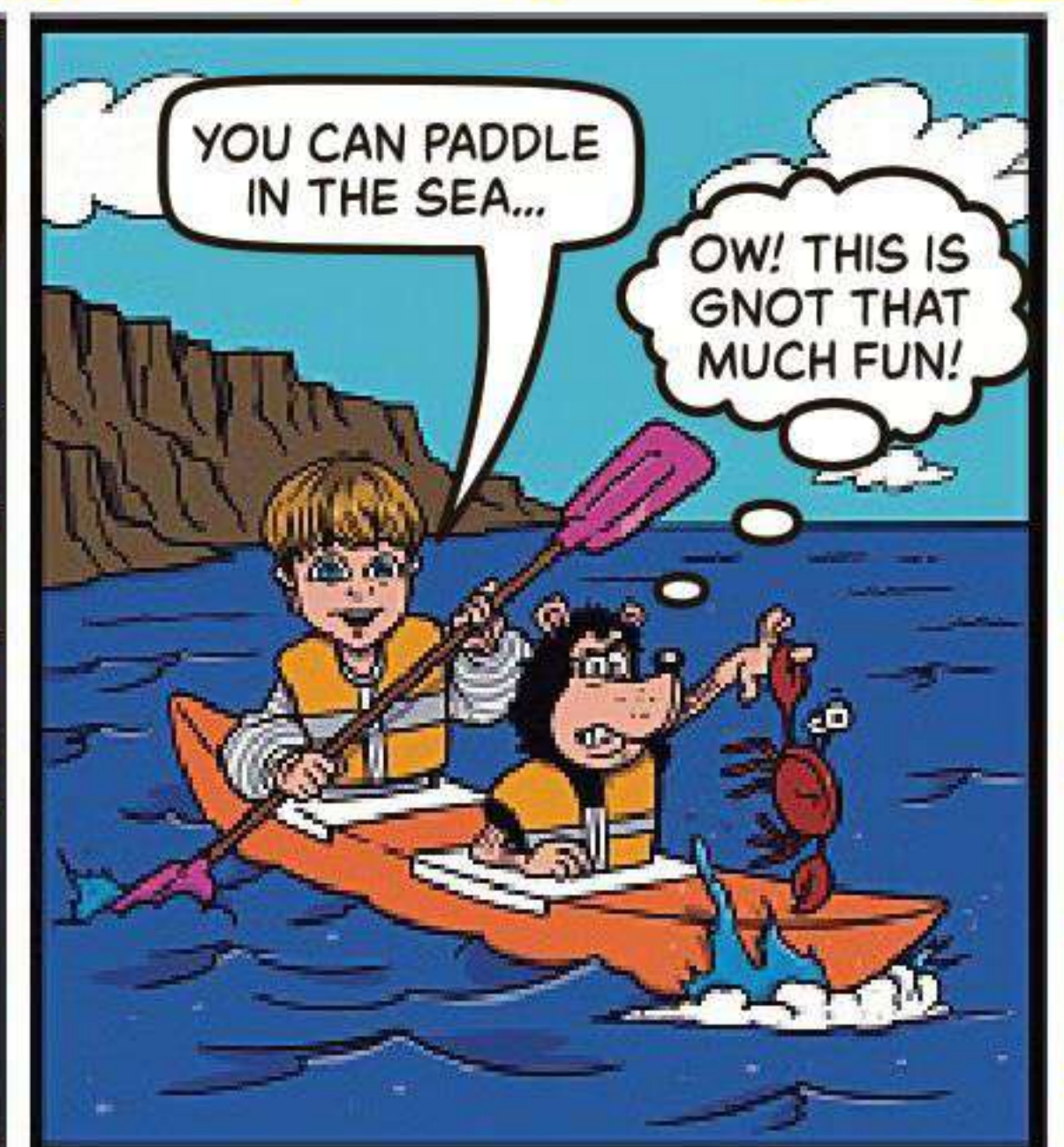
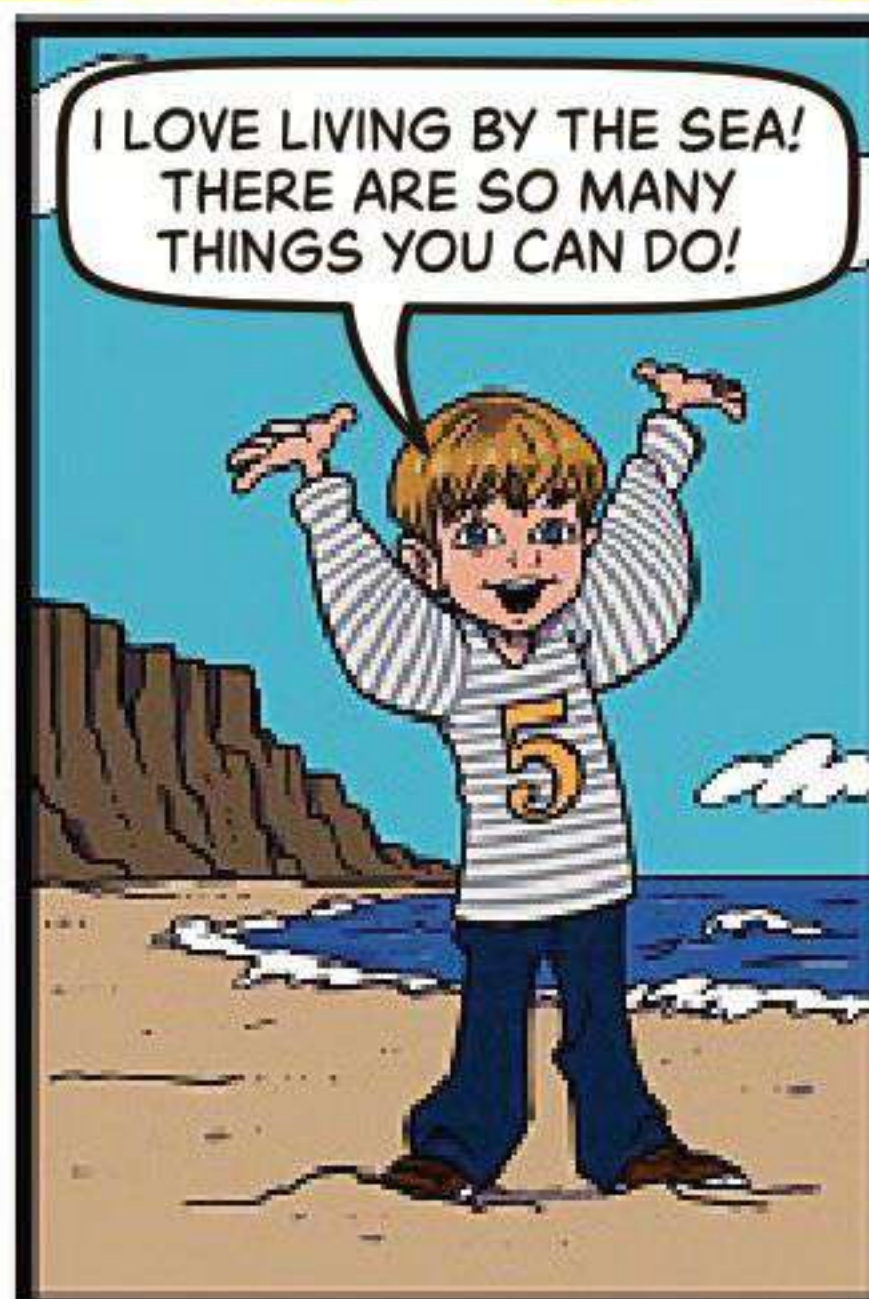
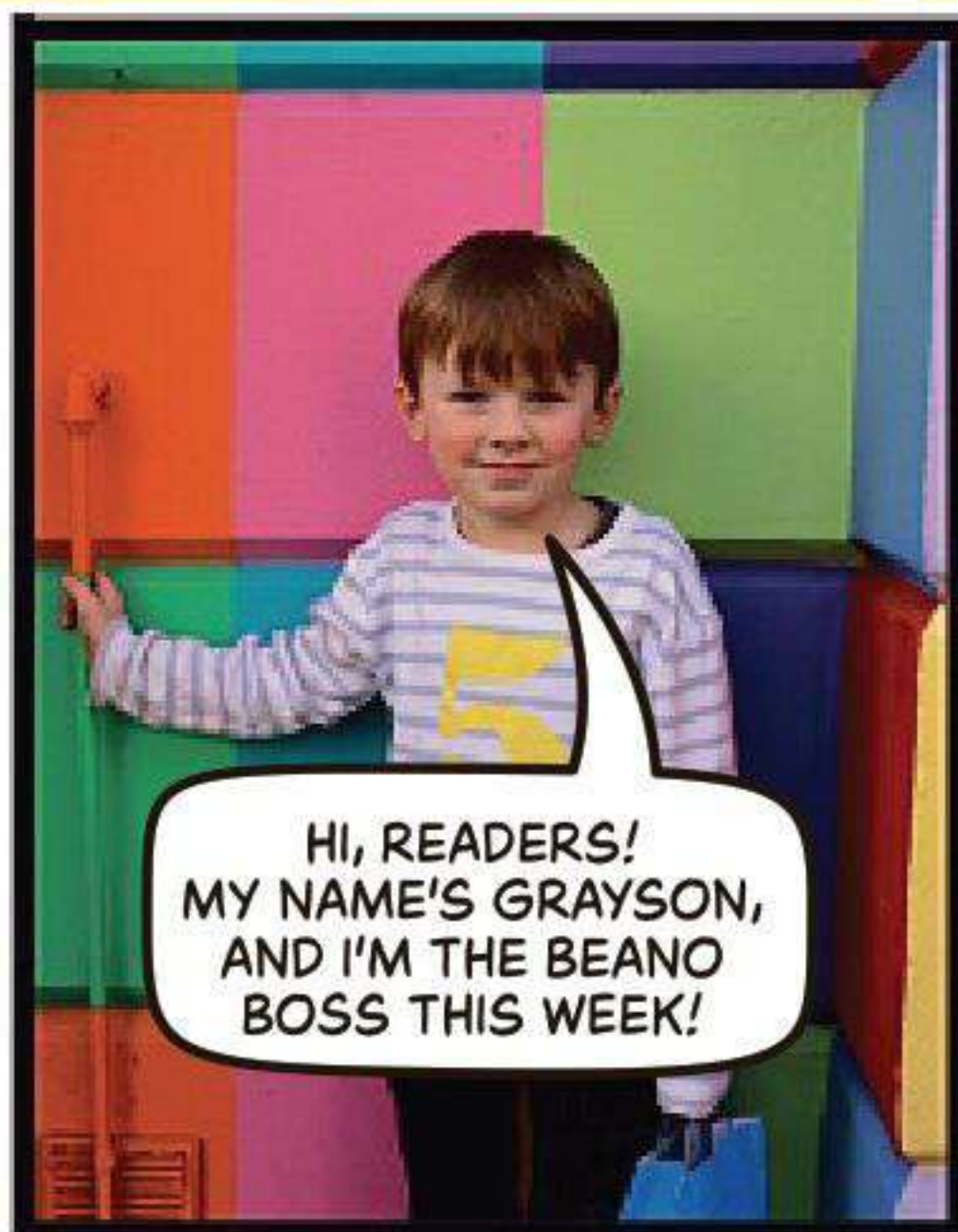


**ZOO GOTTA BE
JOKING!**



GRAYSON FROM BRIGHTON IS THE BEANO BOSS!

WORDS: Grace Balfour-Harle ART: Shannon Gallant



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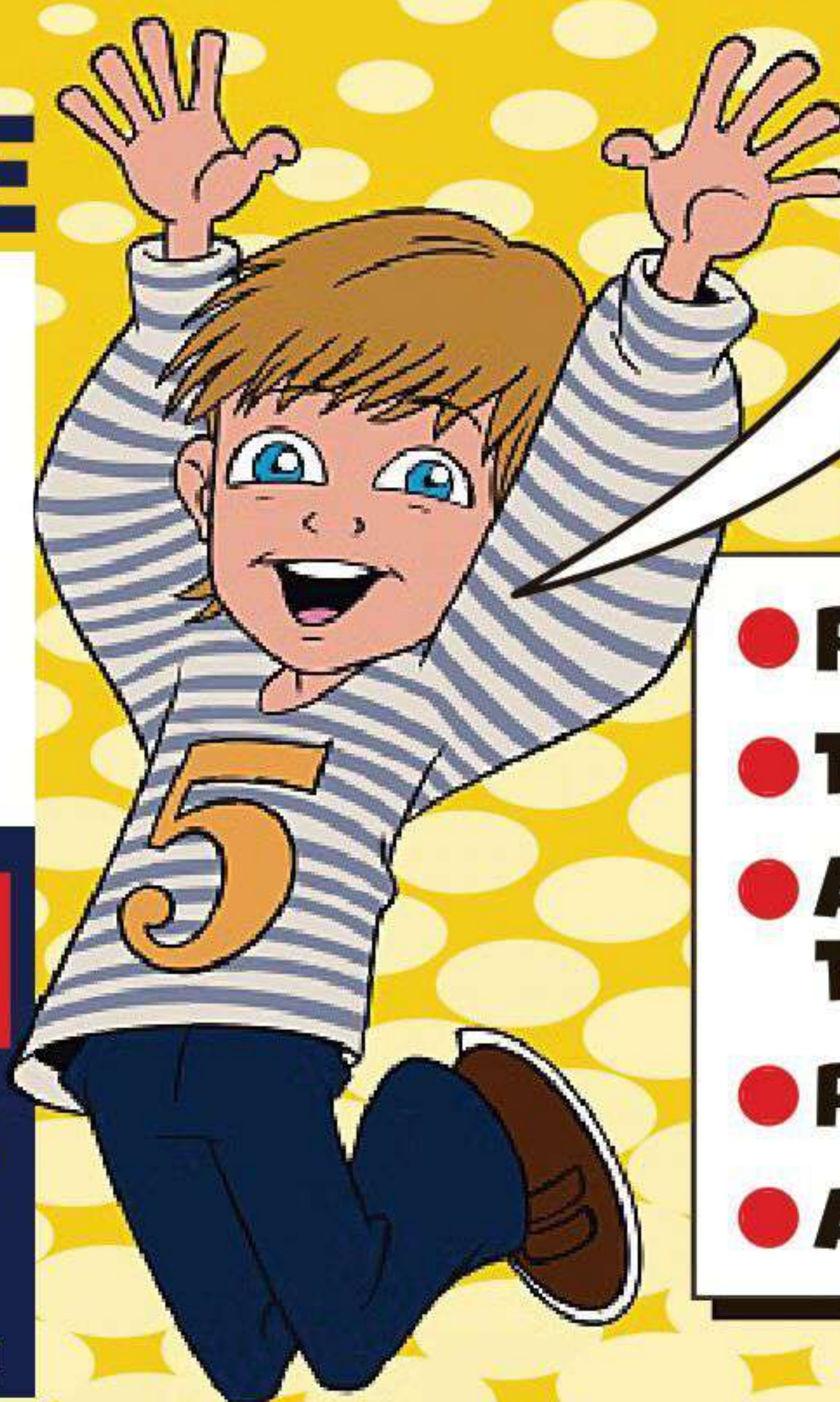
THE BEANO BOSS?

Next week,
it could be you!

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS
ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

What animal steals
Minnie's hat?

The answer is somewhere in this comic!



- PICK THE BEST JOKES
- TEST OUT THE PRANK
- AWARD SOMEONE THE GOLDEN SPLAT
- READ THE COMIC STRIPS FIRST
- AND LOADS MORE!

Email your answer to:

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2 Your all-time
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3 Your name, date of birth, your parent or
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Don't
forget to
include
a photo
too!

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The funniest entry will be chosen by the Beano editor. Please see page 35 for important details. Did you know, goats have rectangular pupils in their eyes?!

The answer to last week's question was a pizza!

MINNIE THE MINX

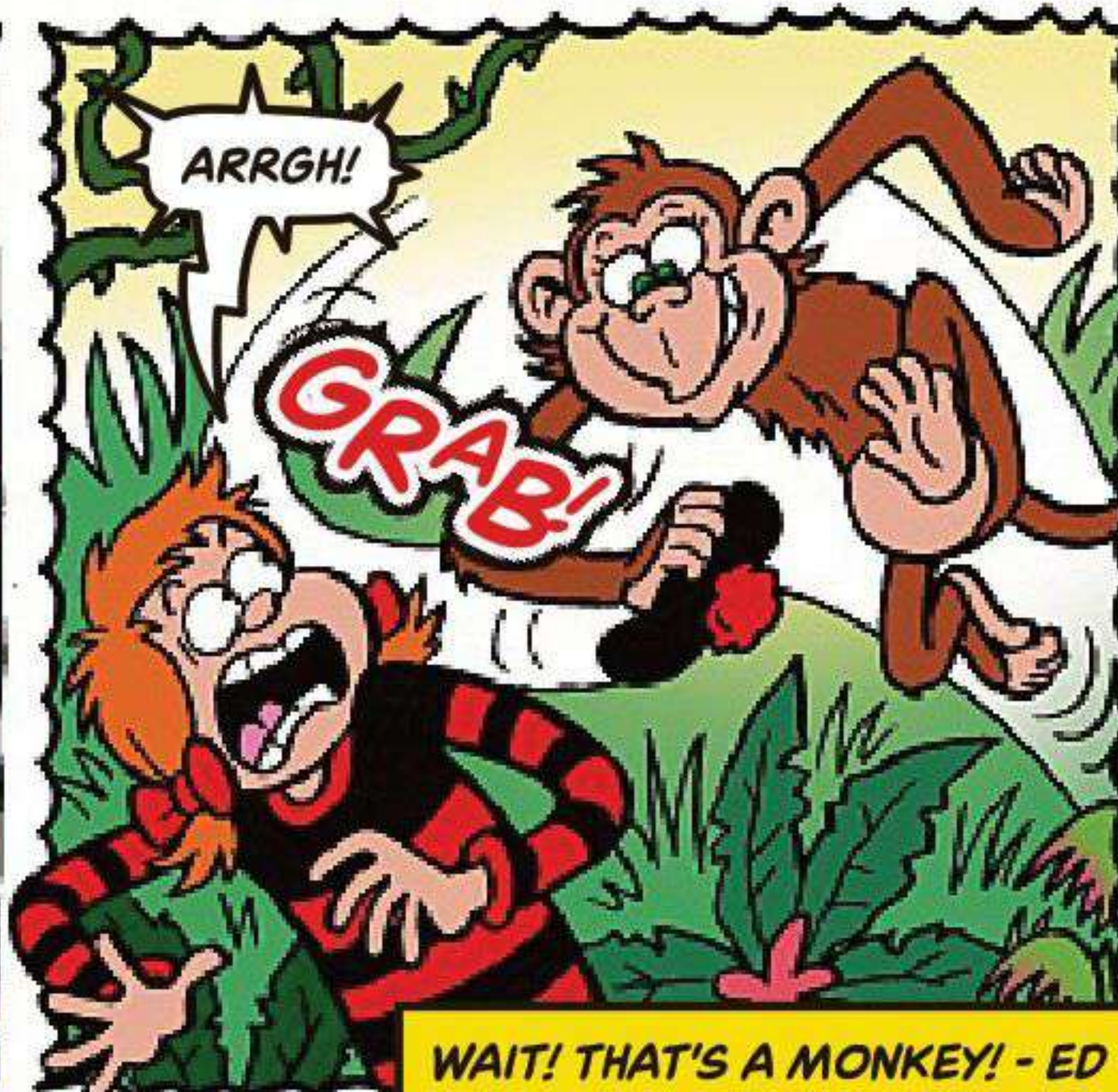
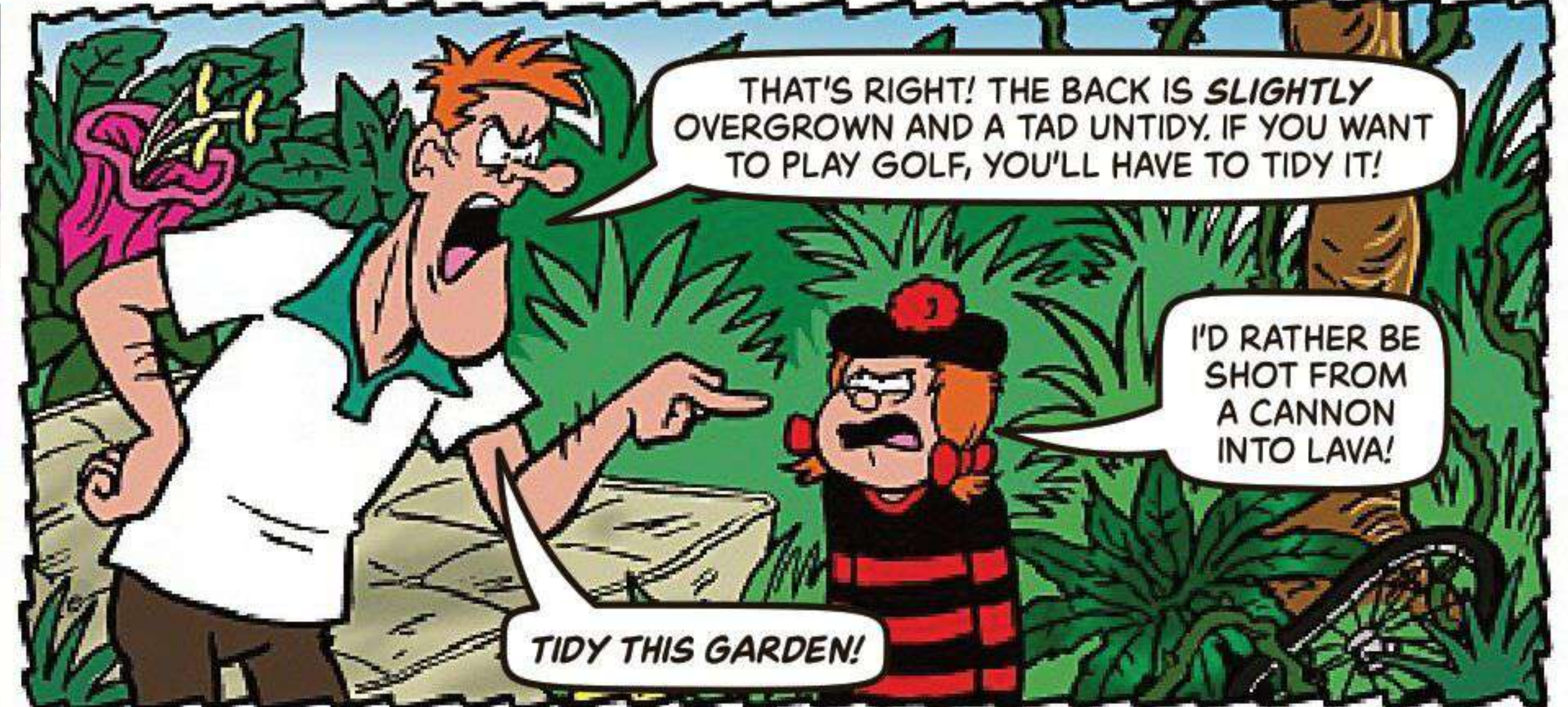
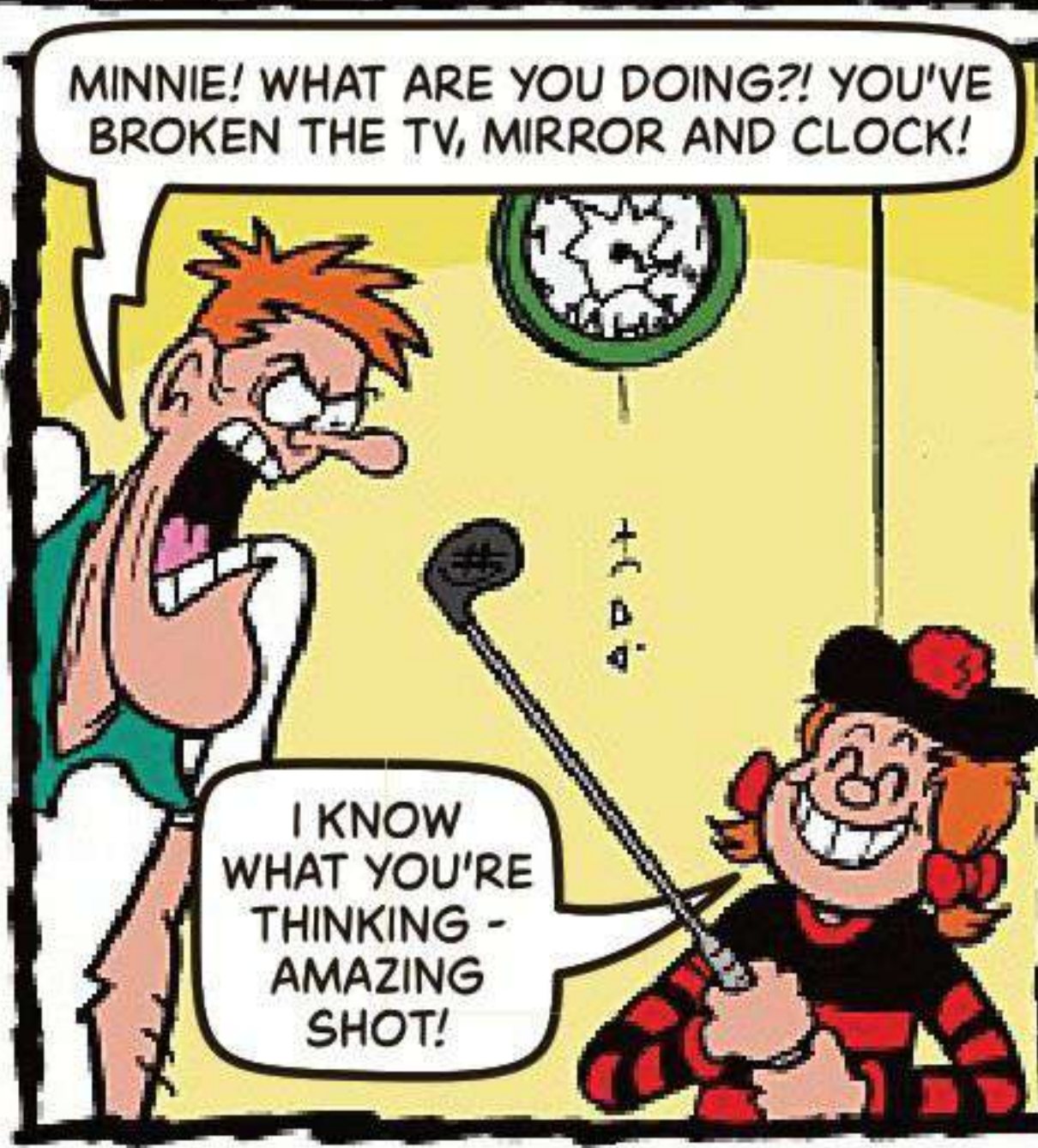
SHE'S TOUGHER THAN ALL THE BOYS...



OH! BEANOTOWN ZOO. THIS STORY WILL BE ABOUT ELLIS THE ELEPHANT ESCAPING AGAIN...



MEANWHILE, MINNIE SEEMS TO BE ON THE GOLF COURSE...





HEY! COME BACK WITH MY HAT!



YOU THINGS ARE ADORABLE! WHAT ARE YOU, ESCAPED HAMSTERS OR SOMETHING?

HAMSTERS? ER... YEAH. THAT. WE'RE DEFOS NOT RATS!

SHHH!

THE GARDEN'S BEEN A MESS SO LONG, THESE GUYS HAVE EVOLVED THE POWER OF SPEECH. - ED



DO YOU WANT TO BE OUR QUEEN?

YEAH, OKAY!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE! SHE'S GOING TO BE THE QUEEN. SHE'LL PROTECT US!



WAIT, WHAT?

THE MONKEY RUNS INTO THE HOUSE...

OR KEEP MY HAT!

WHATEVER!

I'M MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN WHAT ELSE IS HIDING IN THIS BACK GARDEN JUNGLE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE HOUSE...

ARRGH!

WHAT IS IT?!

HOW IS OUR DAUGHTER NOW A MONKEY?!

GASP! I TOLD HER TO SORT OUT THE BACK GARDEN! THAT JUNGLE-LIKE PLACE MUST HAVE CAUSED HER TO UNEVOLVE!

SO THIS IS YOUR FAULT?! WHY DIDN'T YOU THINK THIS WOULD HAPPEN?!

HEY! THIS ISN'T MY FAULT! I BET SHE DE-EVOLVED INTO A MONKEY ON PURPOSE!

THAT'D BE JUST LIKE HER!

IT WOULD! - ED

MEANWHILE, IN THE JUNGLE, ER... I MEAN, BACK GARDEN...

OH, IT'S PRETTY BORING...

...IF YOU IGNORE ALL THIS!

ARRGH! HUMAN!

MEANWHILE, AT POSHINGTON'S, BEANOTOWN'S POSHEST RESTAURANT...

THIS IS A BAD IDEA!

IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE.

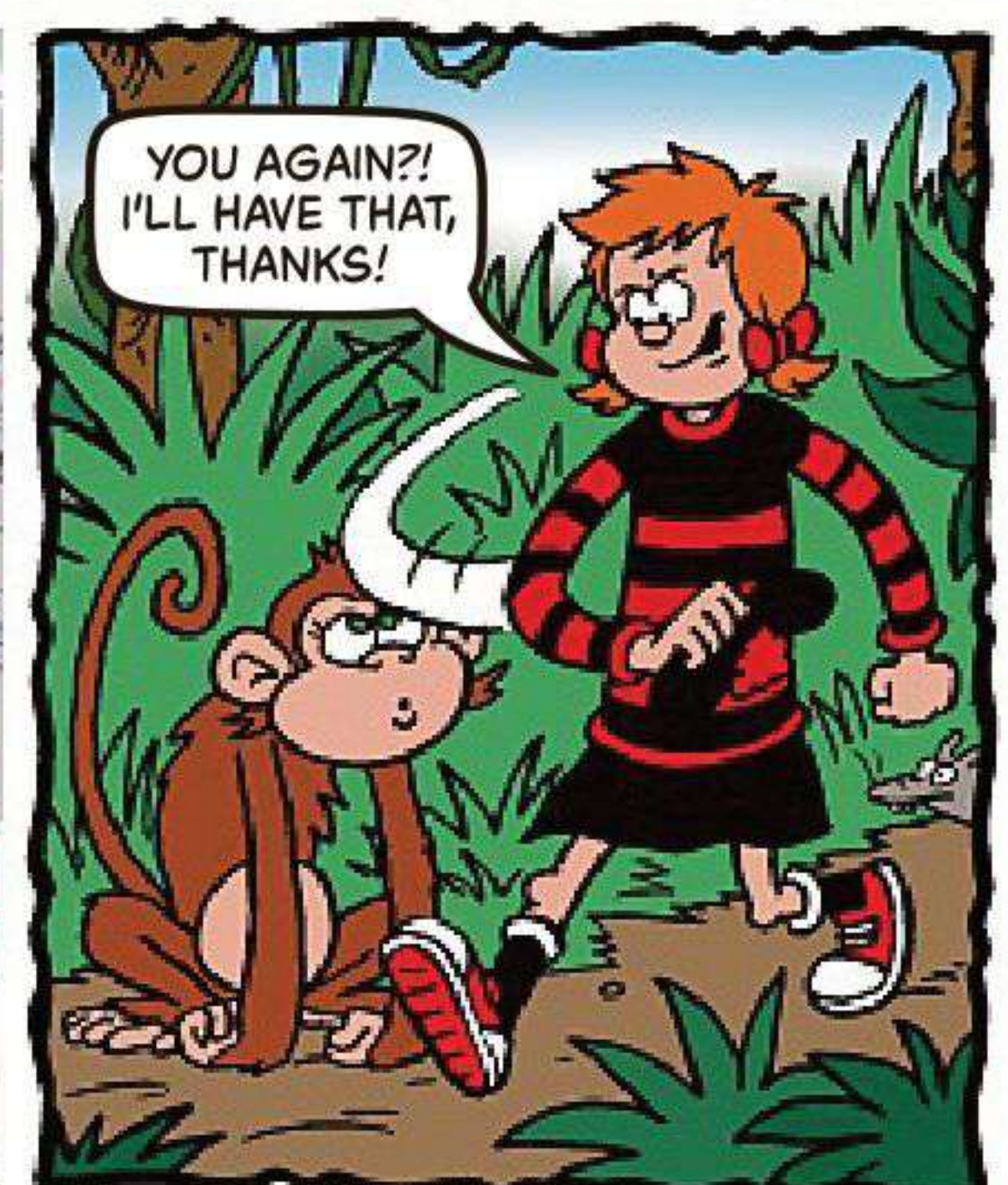
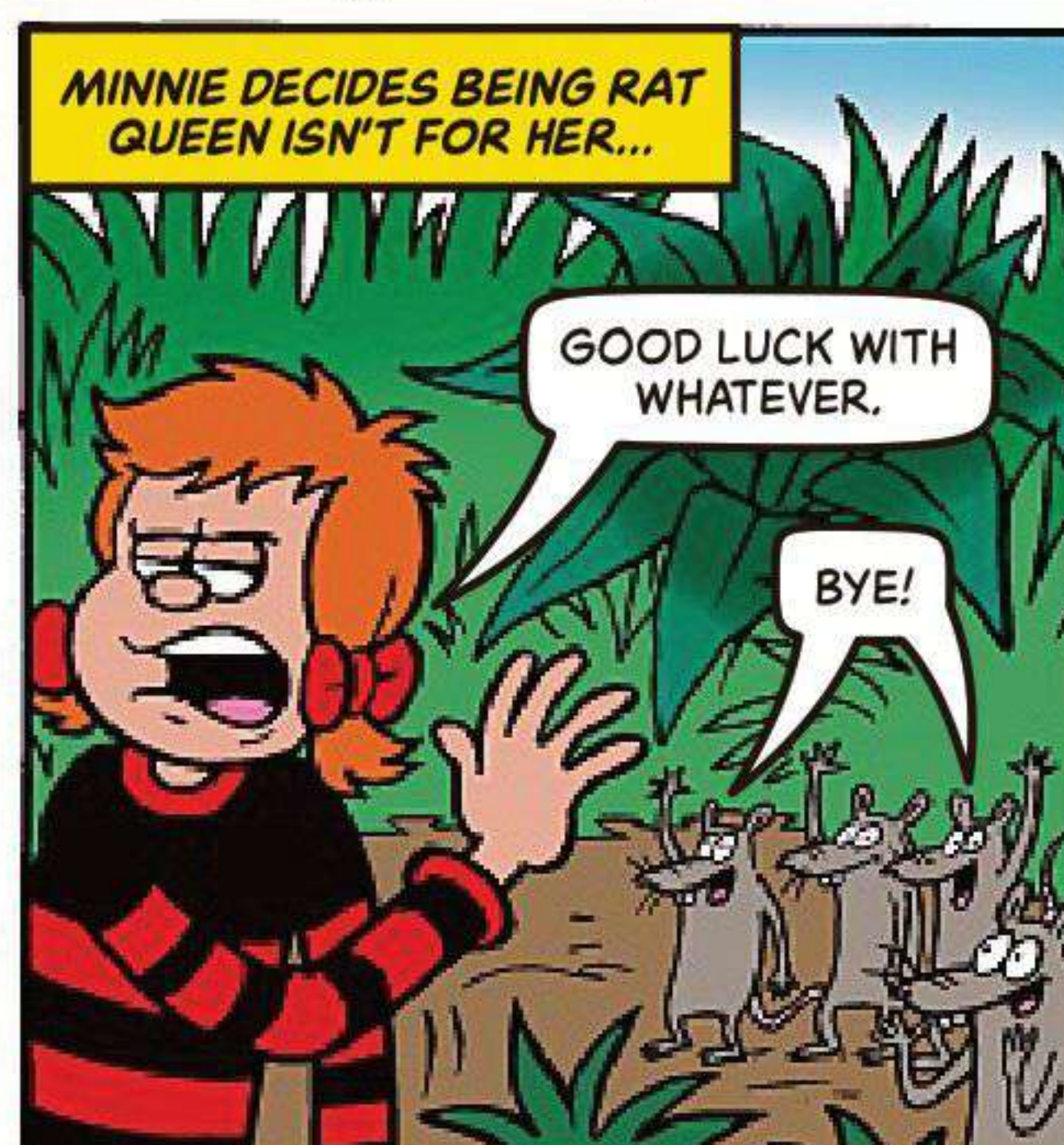
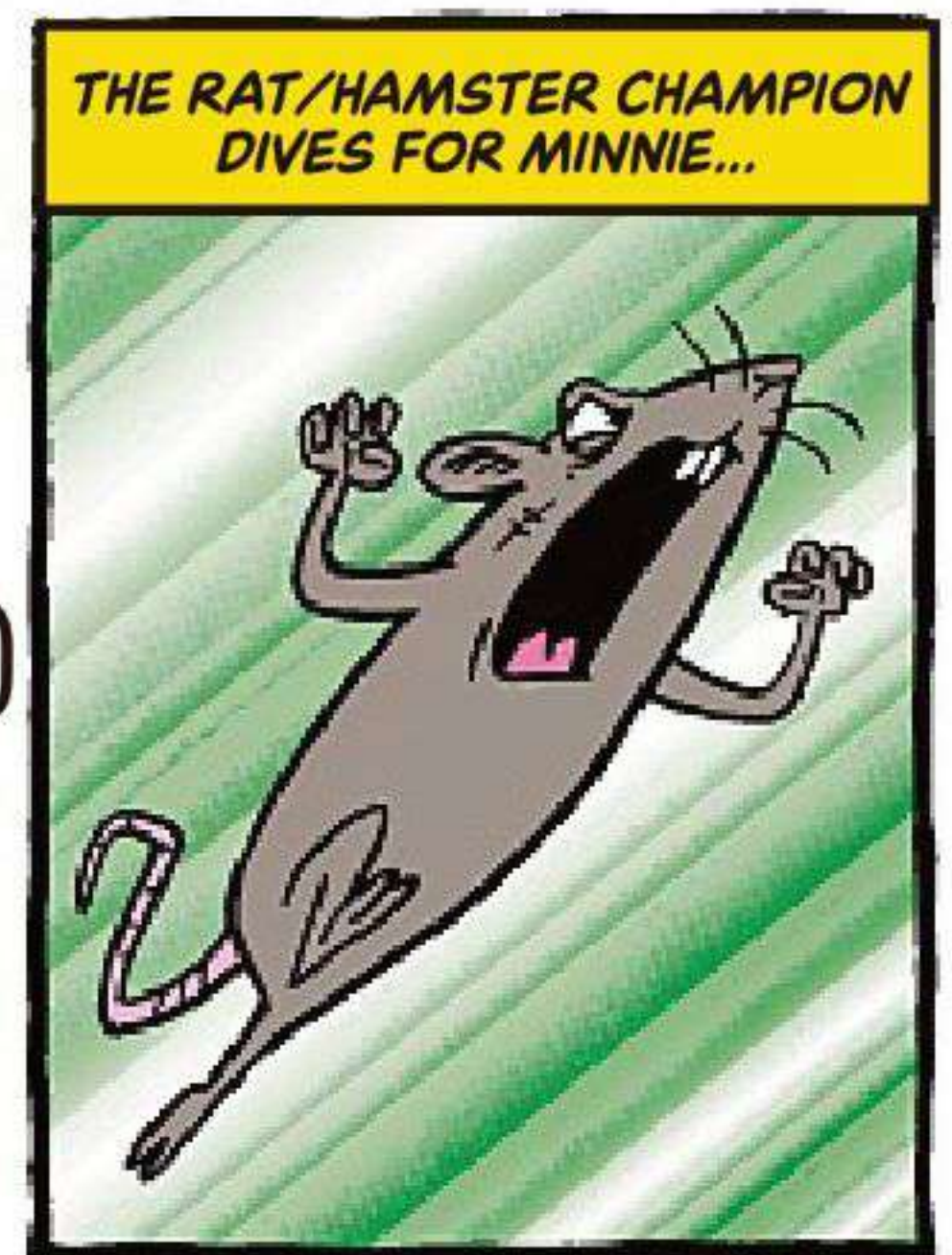
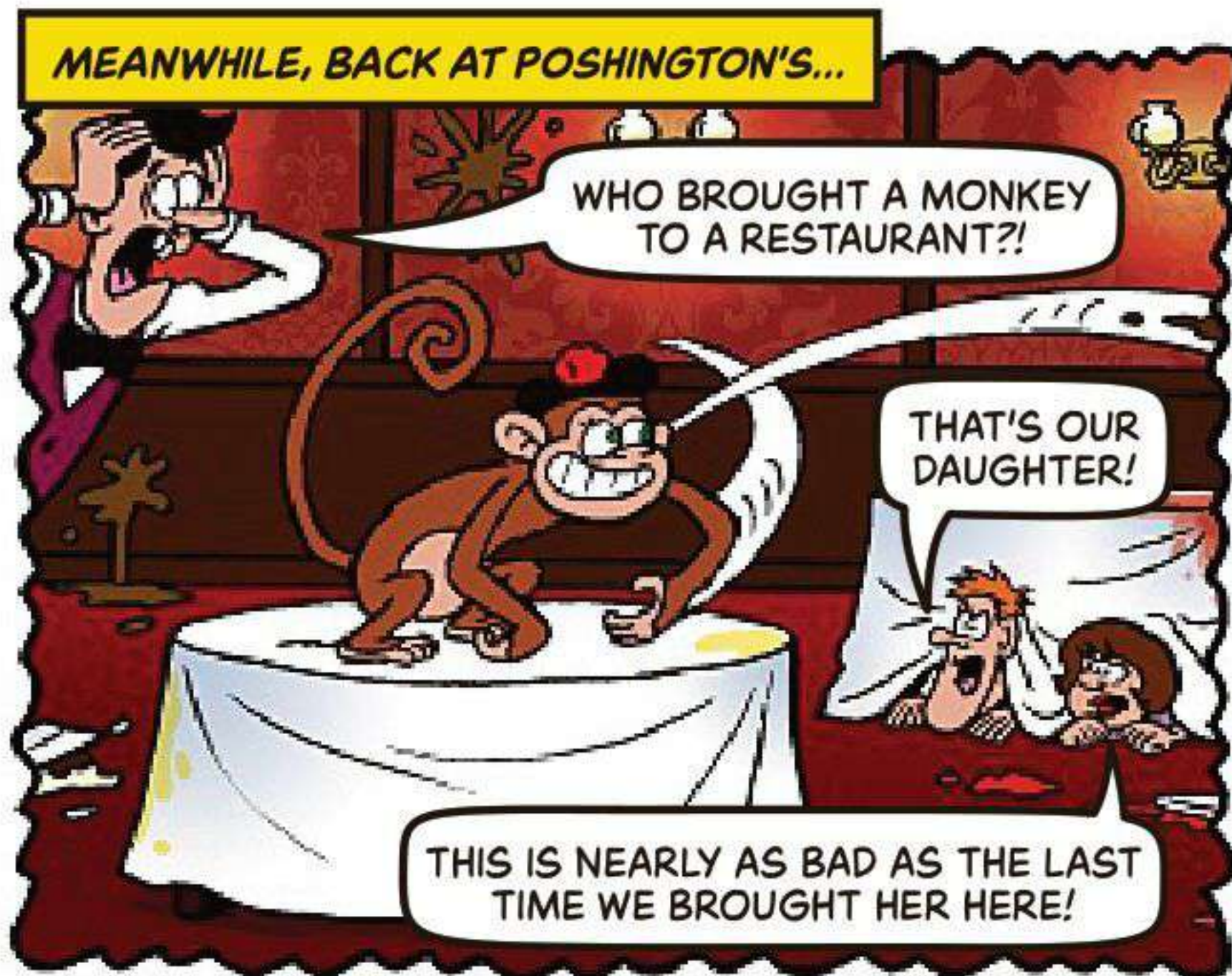
THE WILD BACK GARDEN TURNED MINNIE INTO A MONKEY, SO THIS SUPER WELL-BEHAVED PLACE SHOULD TURN HER INTO A HUMAN AGAIN!

MEANWHILE...

WHO OR WHAT AM I FIGHTING?!

YOU'LL BE FIGHTING THEIR GREATEST CHAMPION!

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!



How was the Roman Empire cut in half? With a pair of Caesars!

MONSTER MAX

MAX IS A VERY SPECIAL BOY: HE CAN TURN HIMSELF INTO A SCARY MONSTER BY

BURPING.



AND HE CAN TURN HIMSELF BACK INTO A BOY AGAIN BY

SNEEZING.

AND FLOWERS MAKE MAX SNEEZE, SO HE OFTEN FINDS HIMSELF FAR FROM HOME



IN JUST HIS UNDERPANTS.

SOMETIMES HE BURPS BY MISTAKE



WHICH CAN BE A NASTY SURPRISE IF YOU ARE STANDING NEXT TO HIM IN THE SUPERMARKET.

THESE DAYS HE'S TRYING TO BE A

BETTER MONSTER...

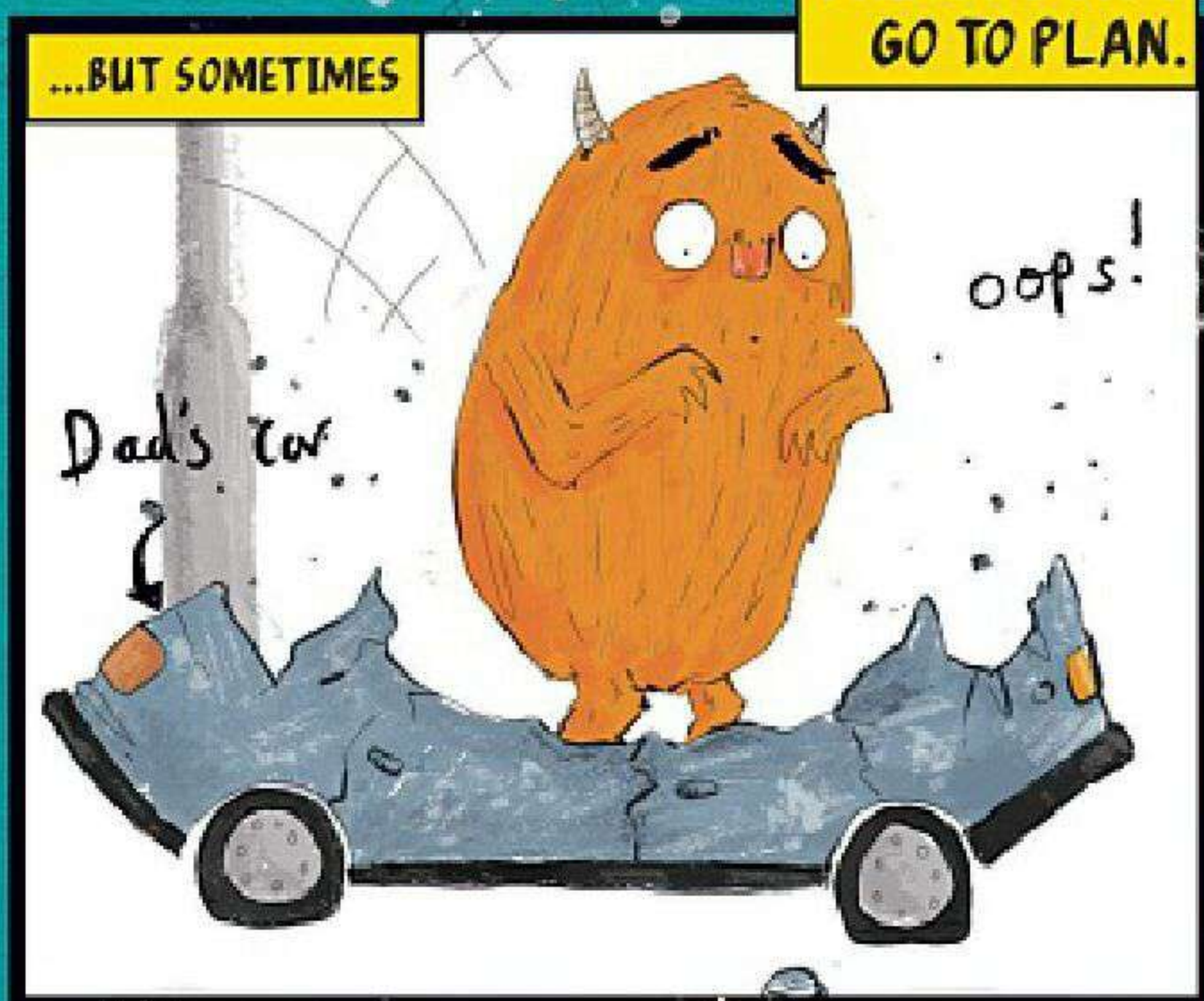


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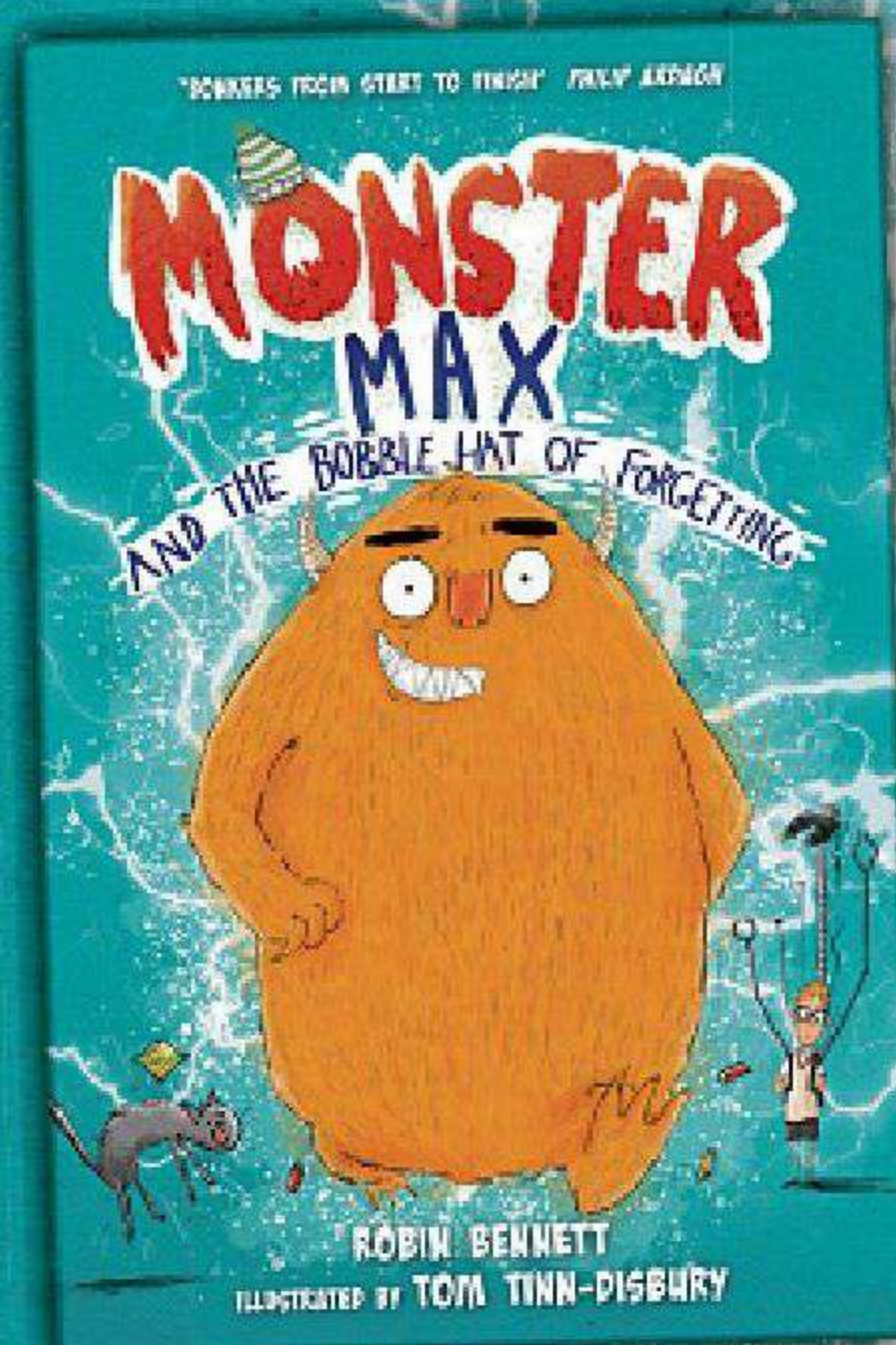
I'm coming!

THINGS DON'T GO TO PLAN.

...BUT SOMETIMES



'BONKERS' FROM START TO FINISH' PHILIP ARDAGH



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INTO ALL GOOD
BOOKSHOPS
THIS FEBRUARY

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YOUR VERY OWN COPY

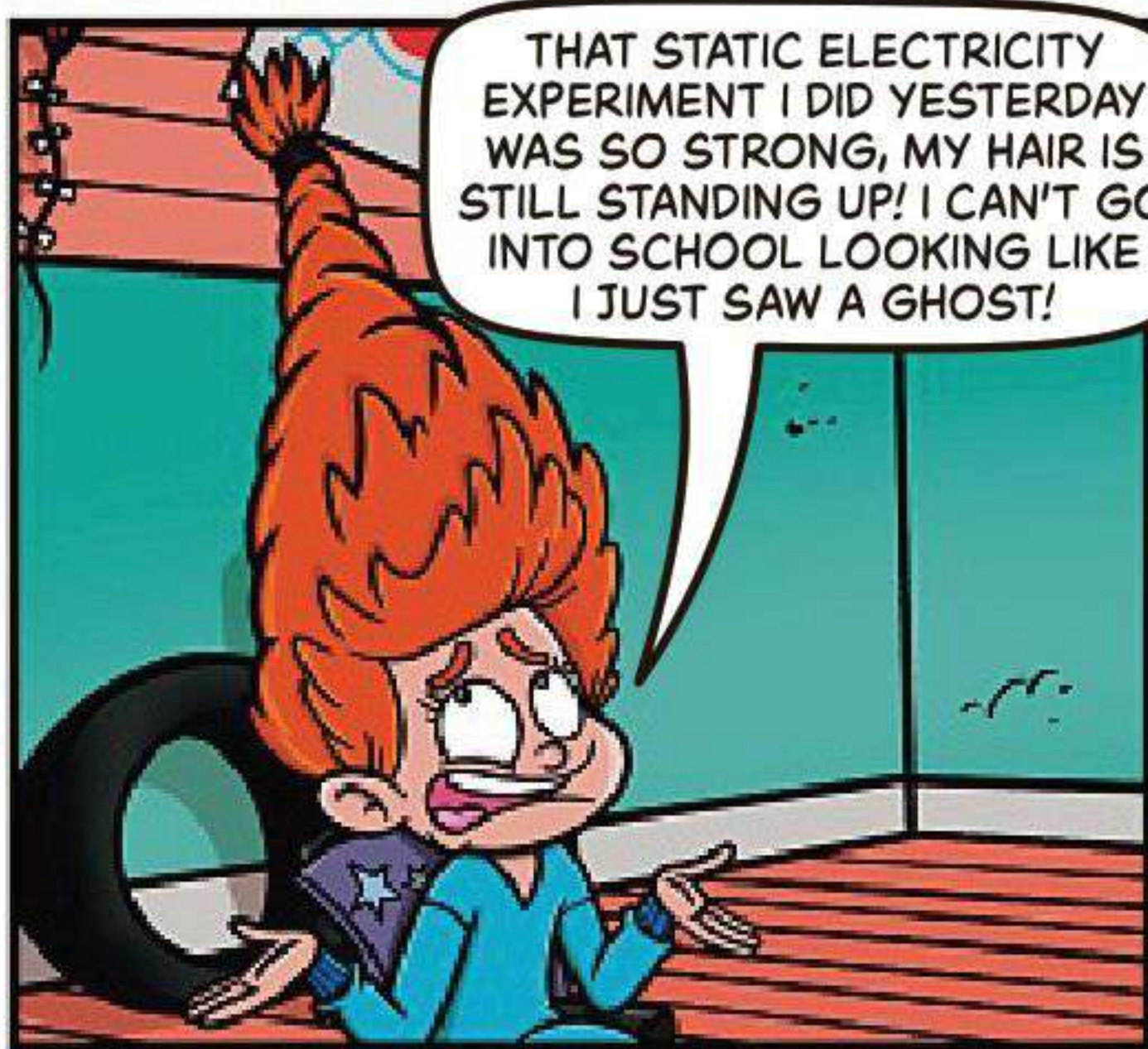
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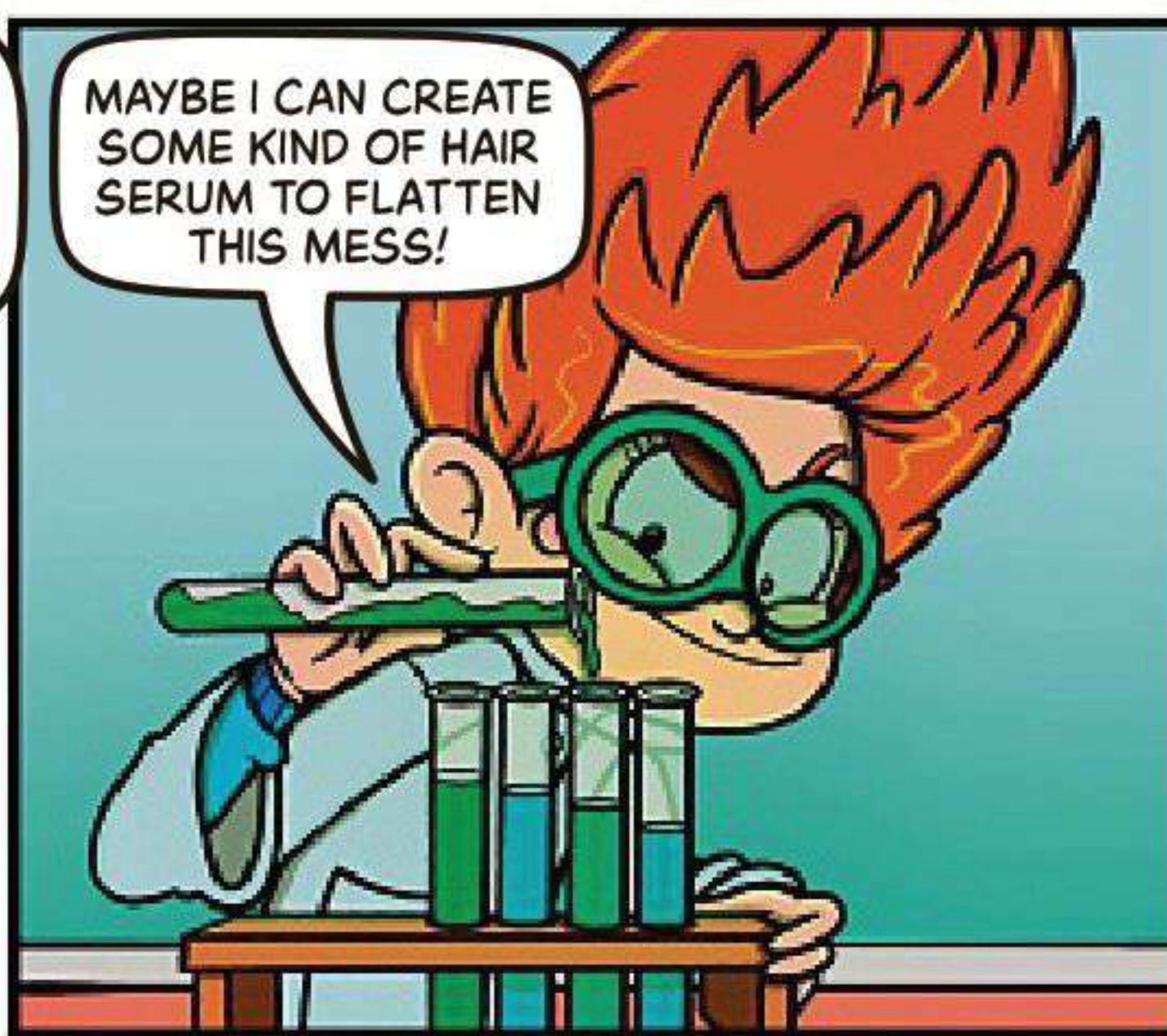
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RUBI'S

SCREWTOP SCIENCE



THAT STATIC ELECTRICITY EXPERIMENT I DID YESTERDAY WAS SO STRONG, MY HAIR IS STILL STANDING UP! I CAN'T GO INTO SCHOOL LOOKING LIKE I JUST SAW A GHOST!

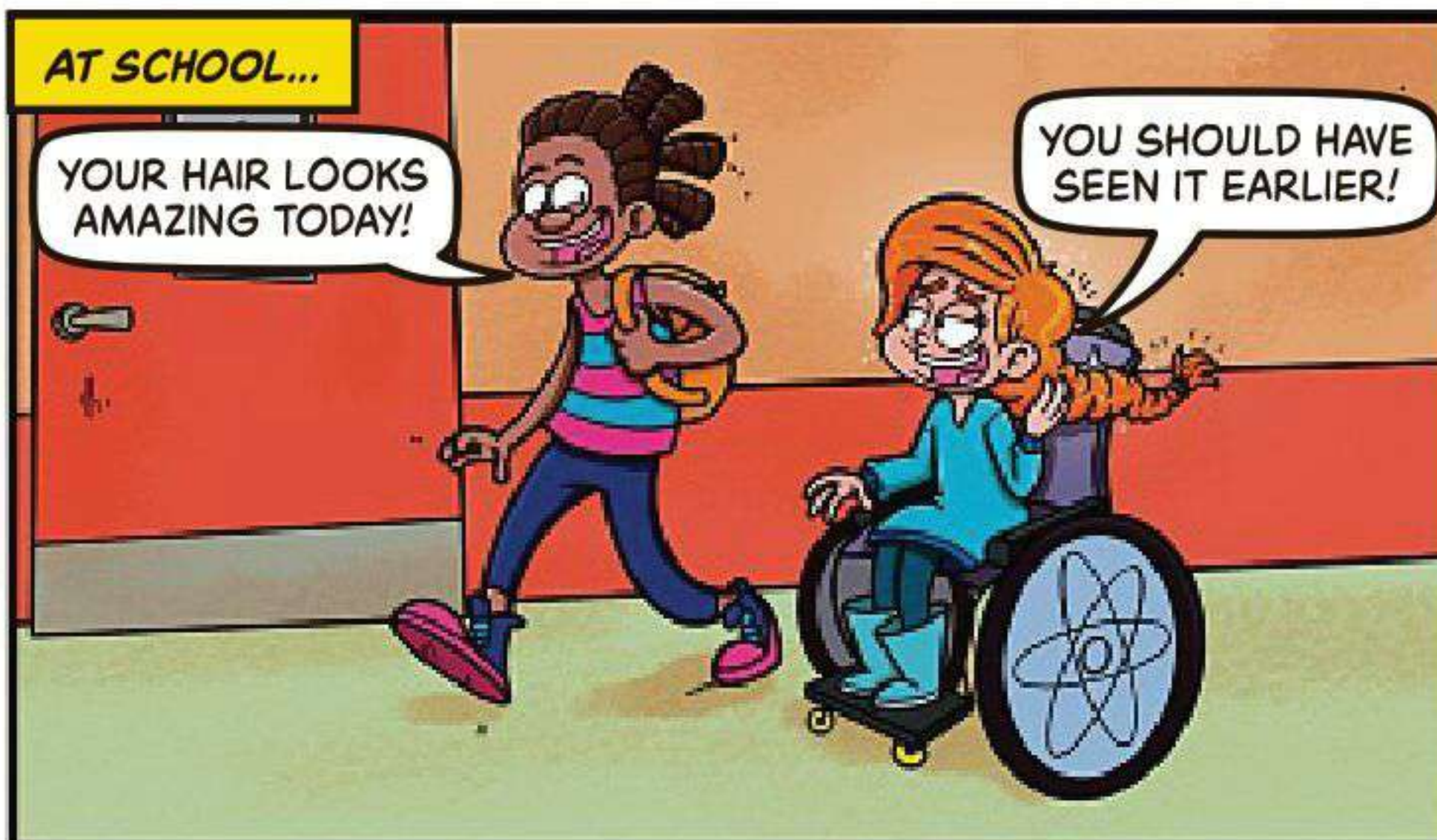


MAYBE I CAN CREATE SOME KIND OF HAIR SERUM TO FLATTEN THIS MESS!



SOON...

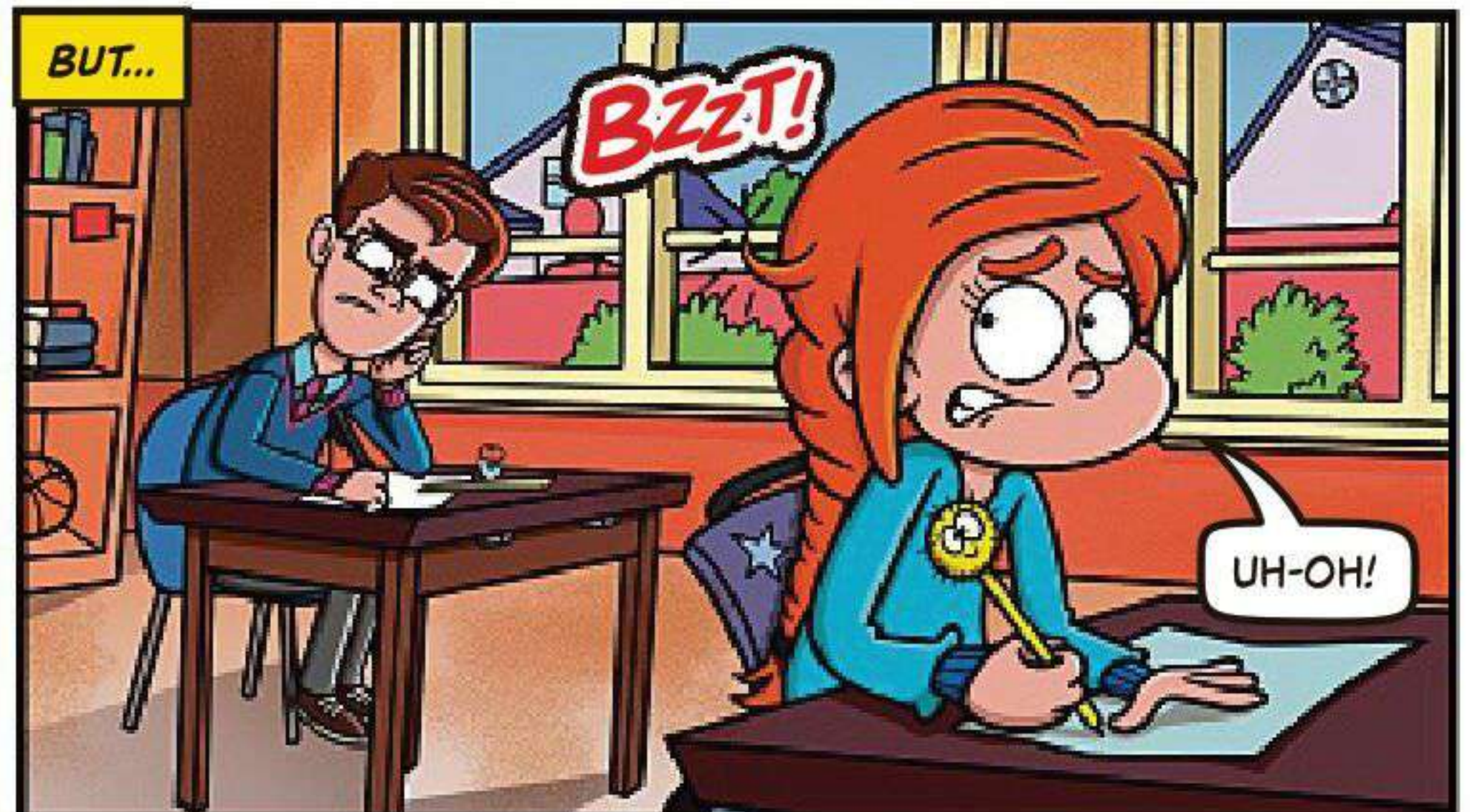
WE'LL SEE IF THIS WORKS!



AT SCHOOL...

YOUR HAIR LOOKS AMAZING TODAY!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT EARLIER!



BUT...

BZZT!

UH-OH!



HEY!
FWP!

THE SERUM HAS SOMEHOW CHARGED MY HAIR AND TURNED ME INTO A WALKING MAGNET...

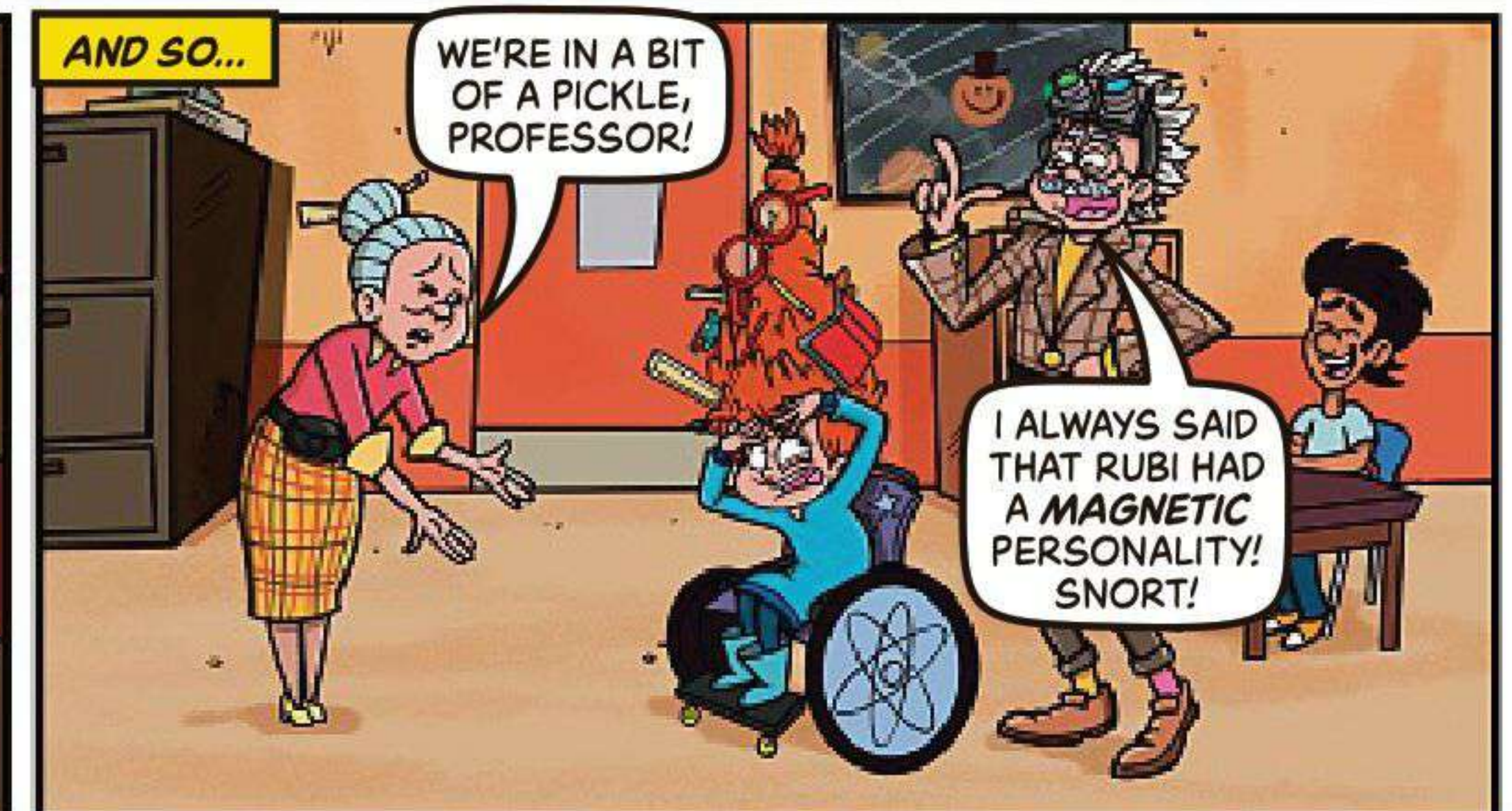


I REALLY NEED MY PEN BACK!

...FOR EVERYTHING!



MY GLASSES!



AND SO...

WE'RE IN A BIT OF A PICKLE, PROFESSOR!

I ALWAYS SAID THAT RUBI HAD A MAGNETIC PERSONALITY! SNORT!



WHAT'S IN

RUBI'S HAIR?

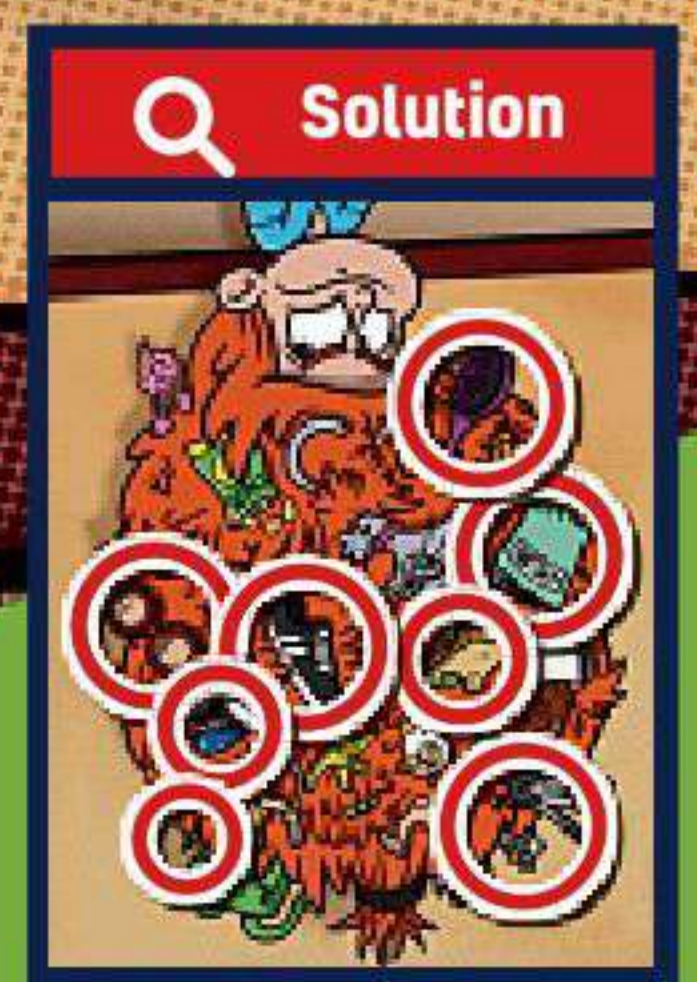
CAN YOU FIND ALL THE THINGS?

**CAN YOU
FIND ALL
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THAT RUBI'S
HAIR HAS
ATTRACTED?**



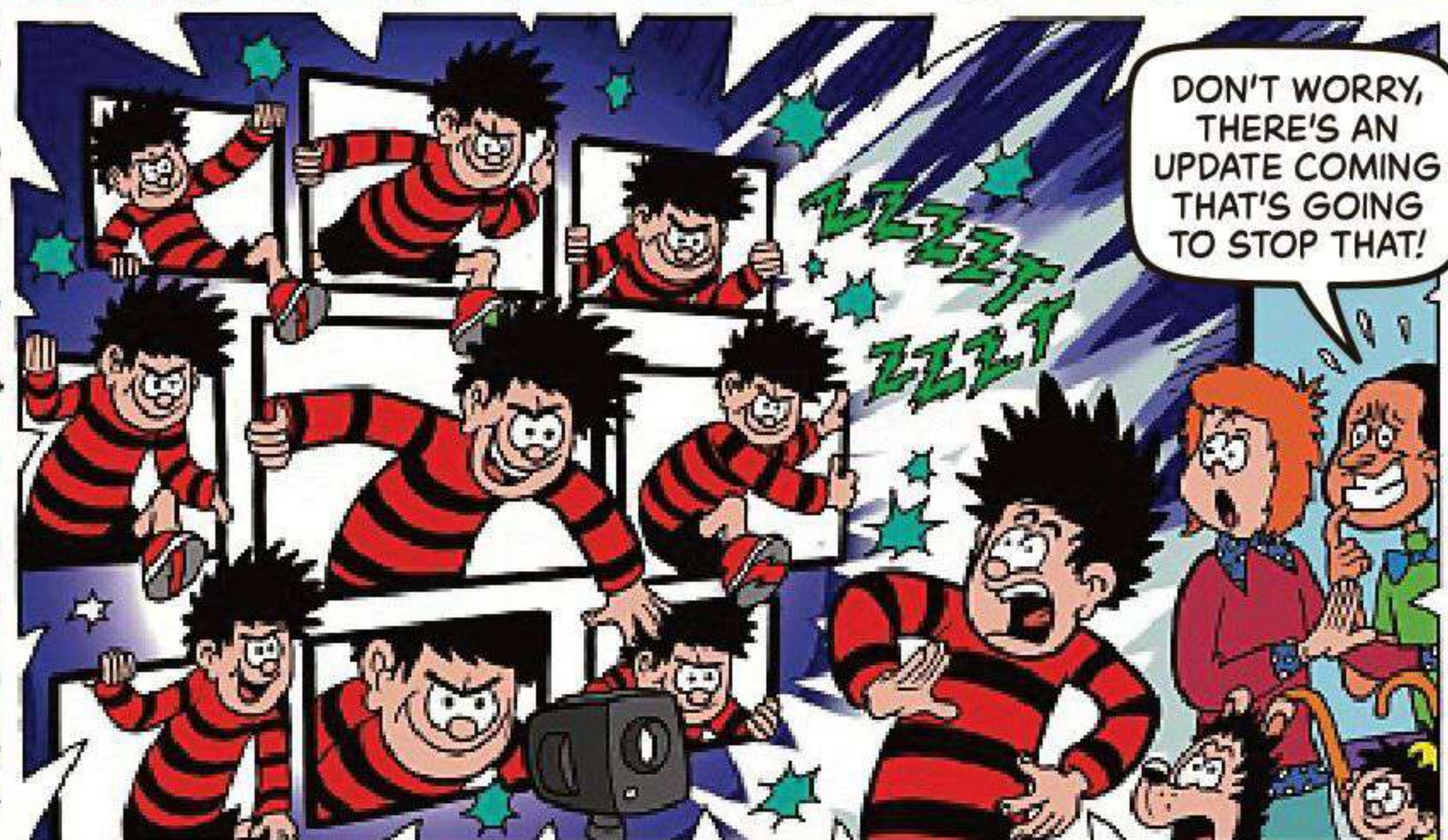
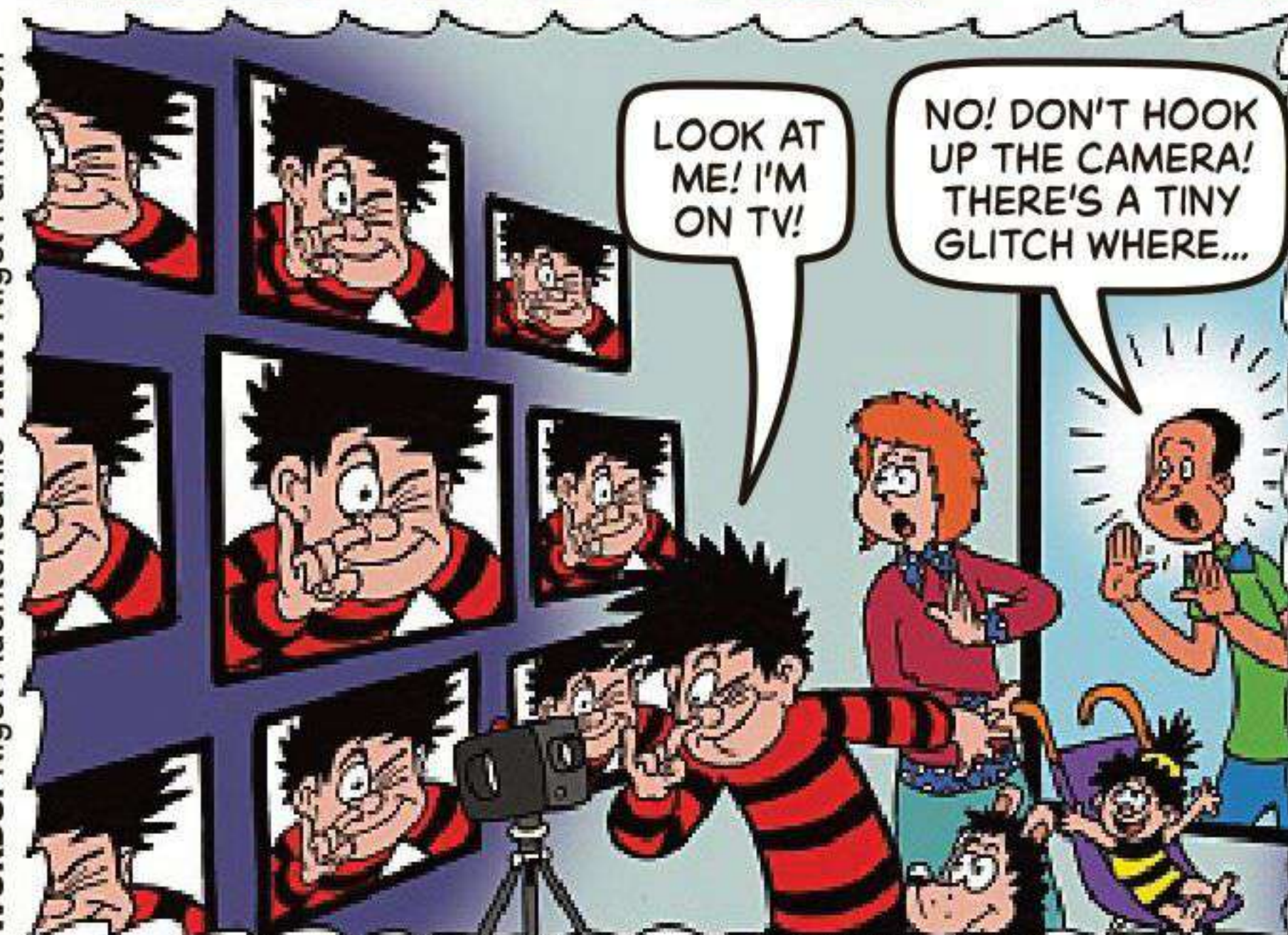
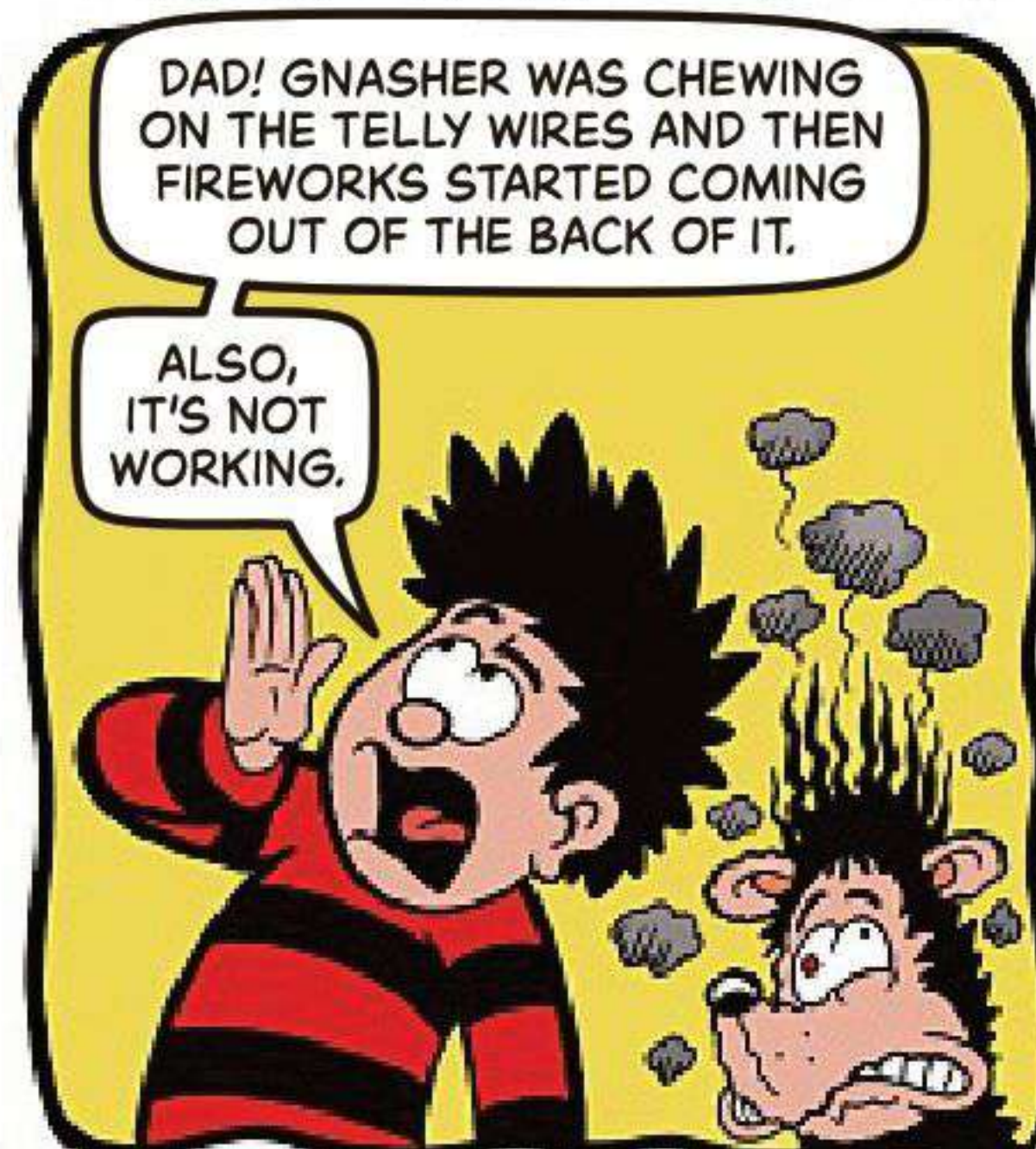
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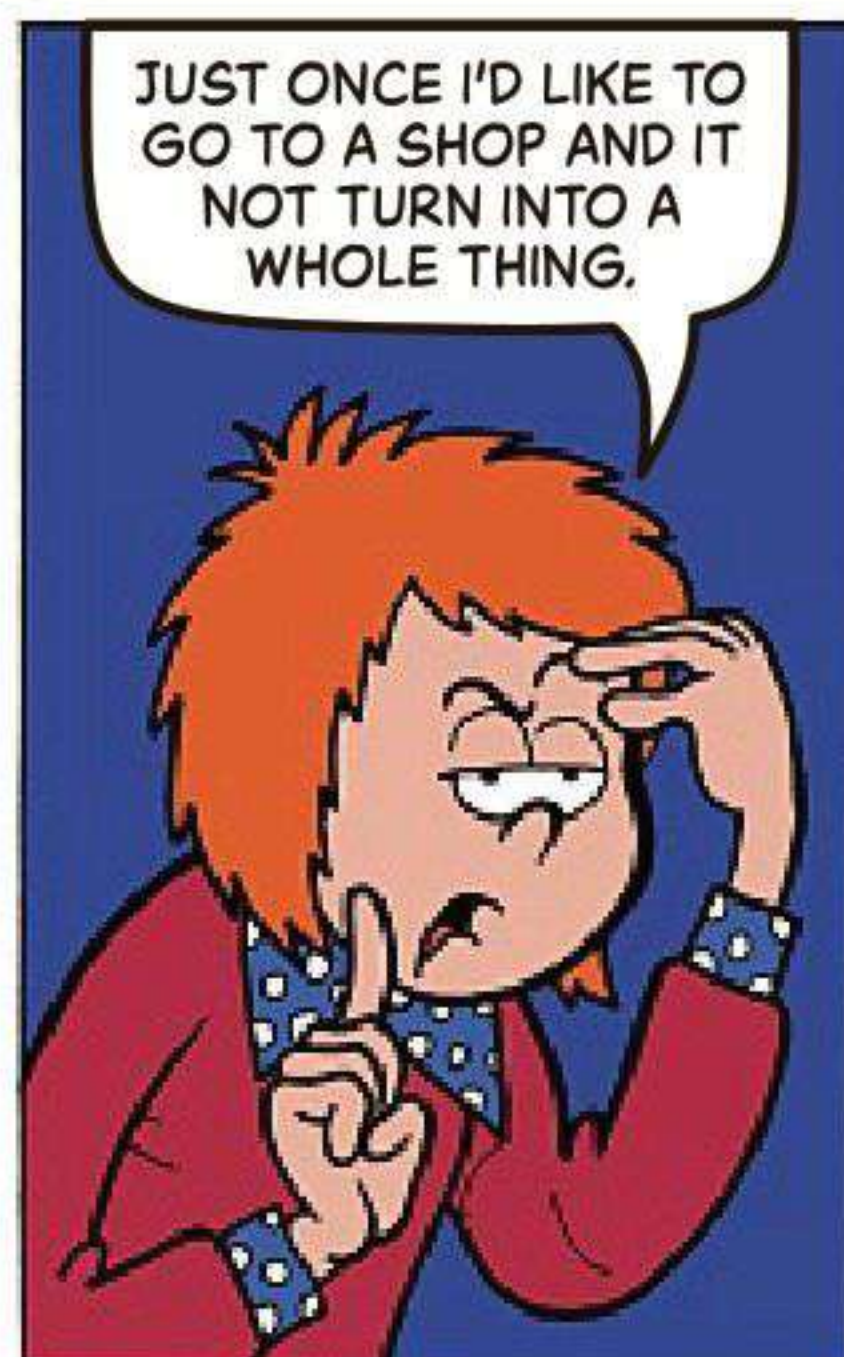
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DENNIS & GNASHER UNLEASHED

AS SEEN ON CBBC!

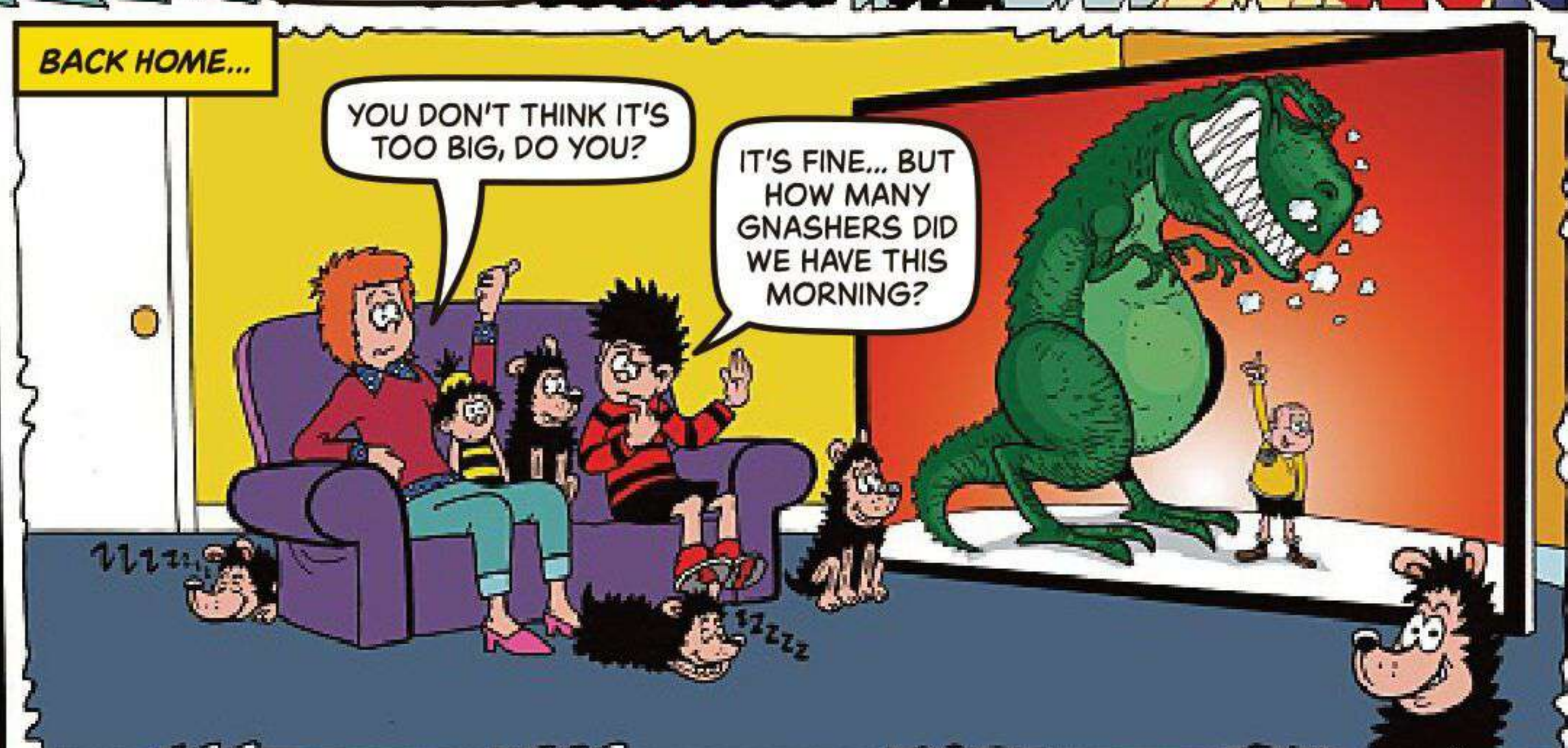
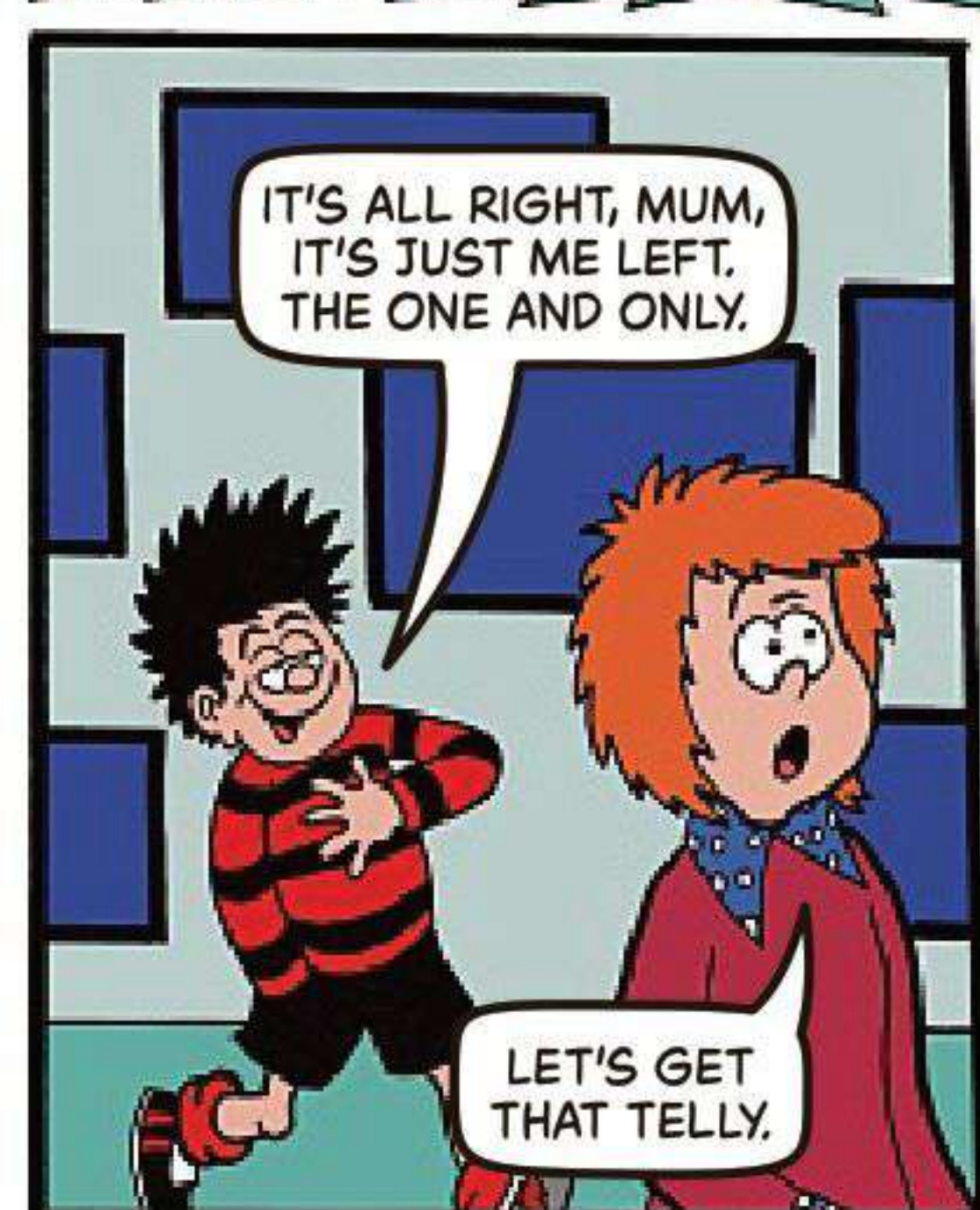
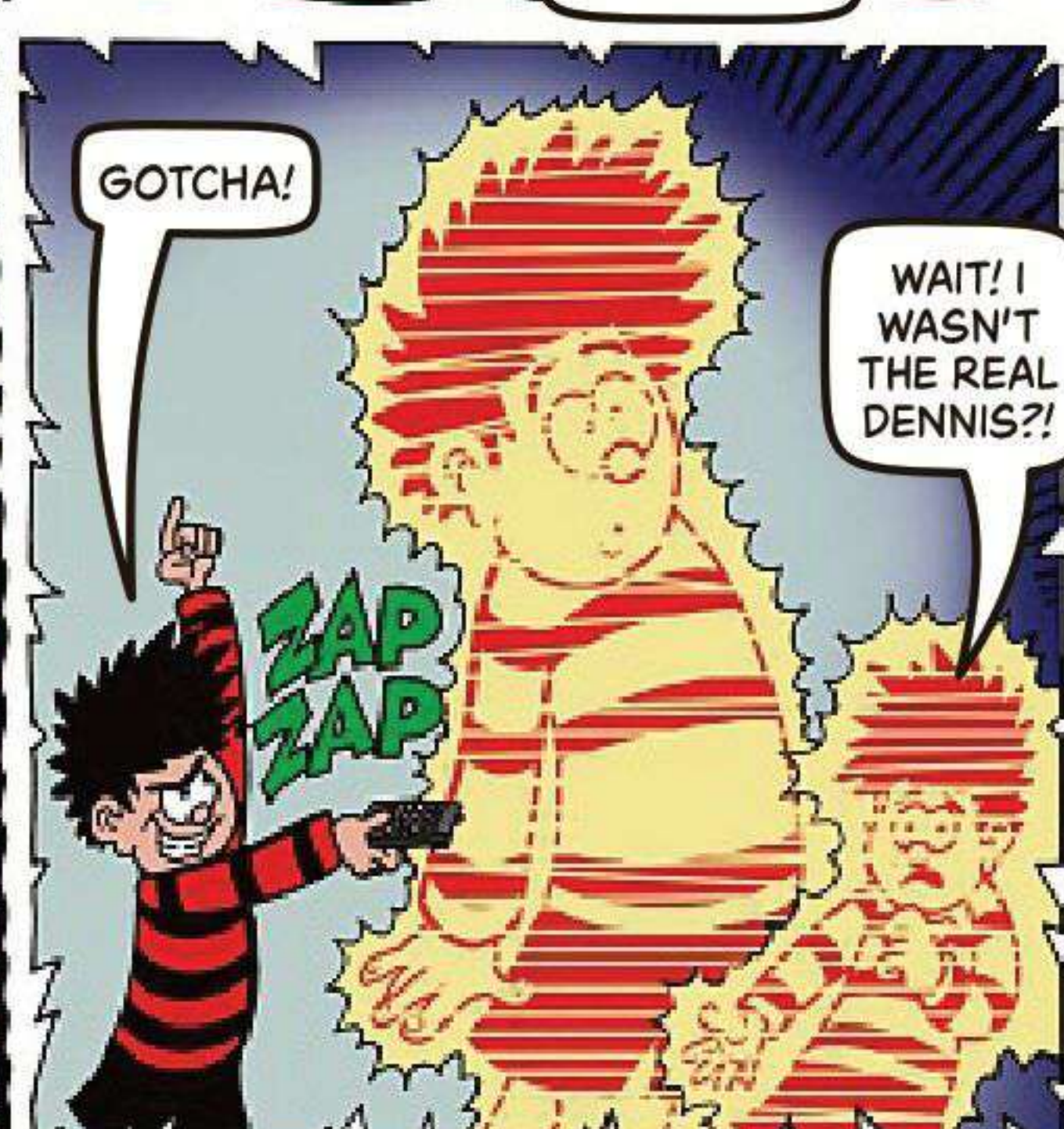
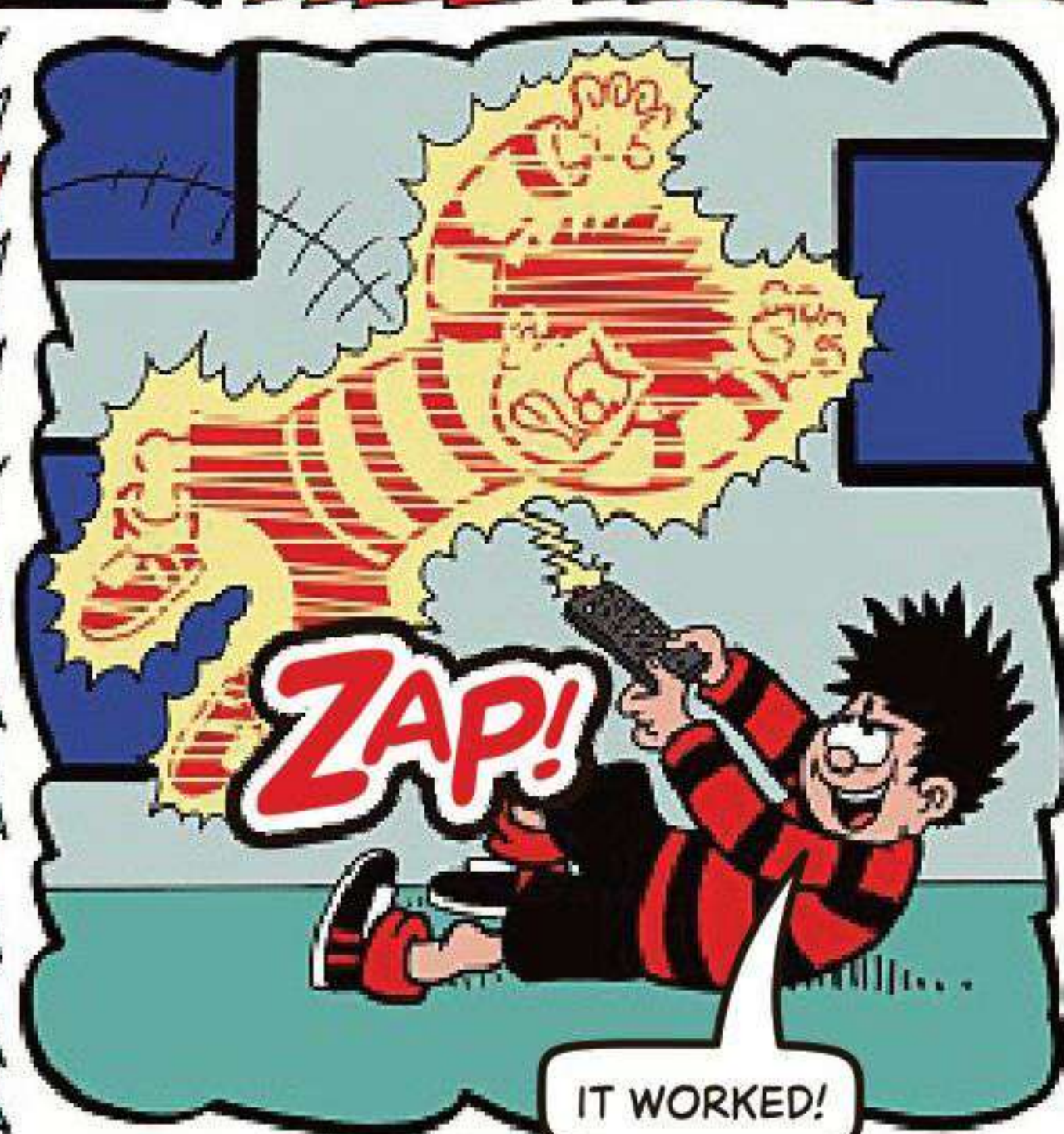




THE DIGITAL DENNISES START FIGHTING OVER GAMES...



MUM'S OVERJOYED THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE DENNIS...



What did the lawyer name his daughter? Sue!

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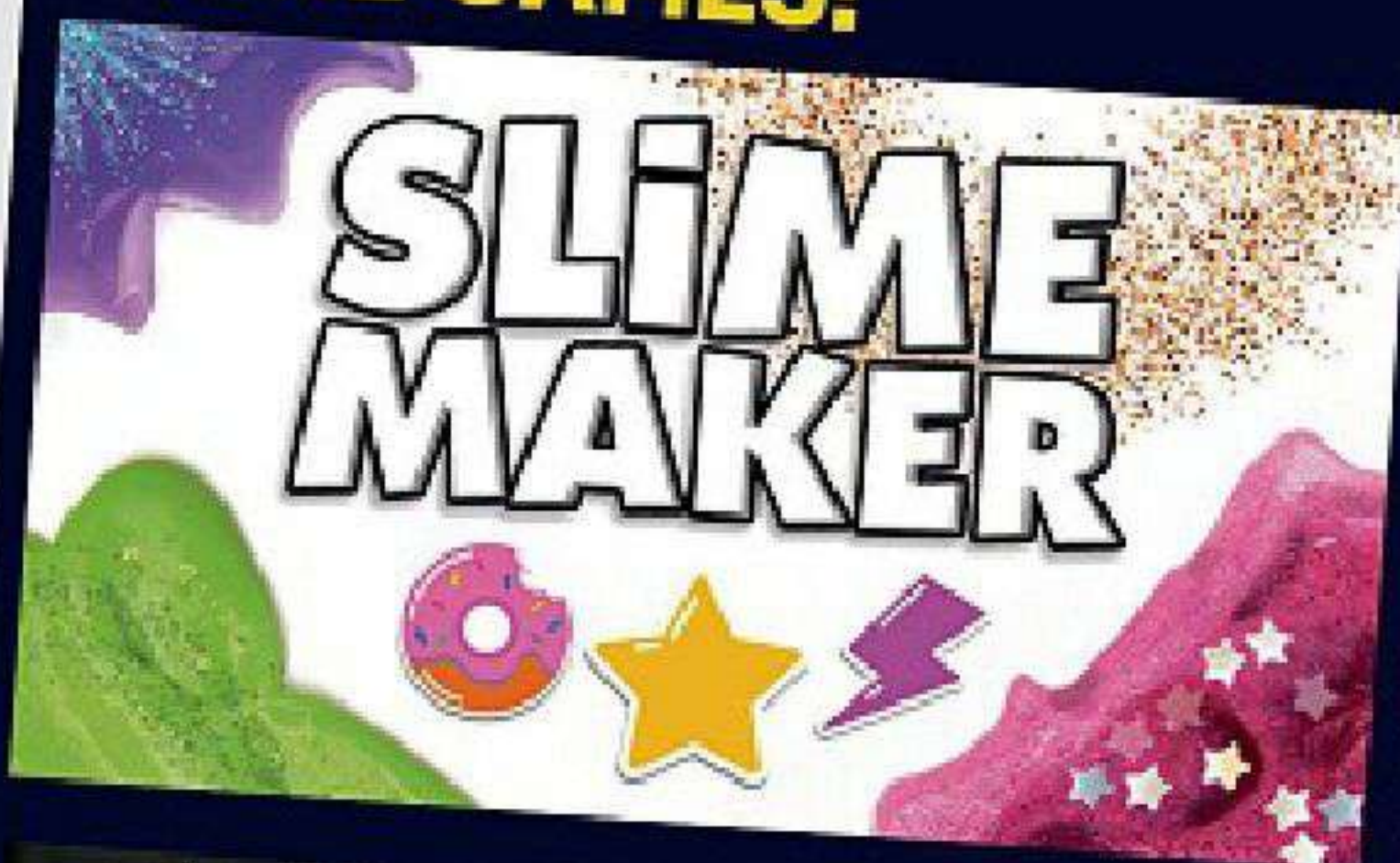


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EPIC GAMES!



MORE GAMES!



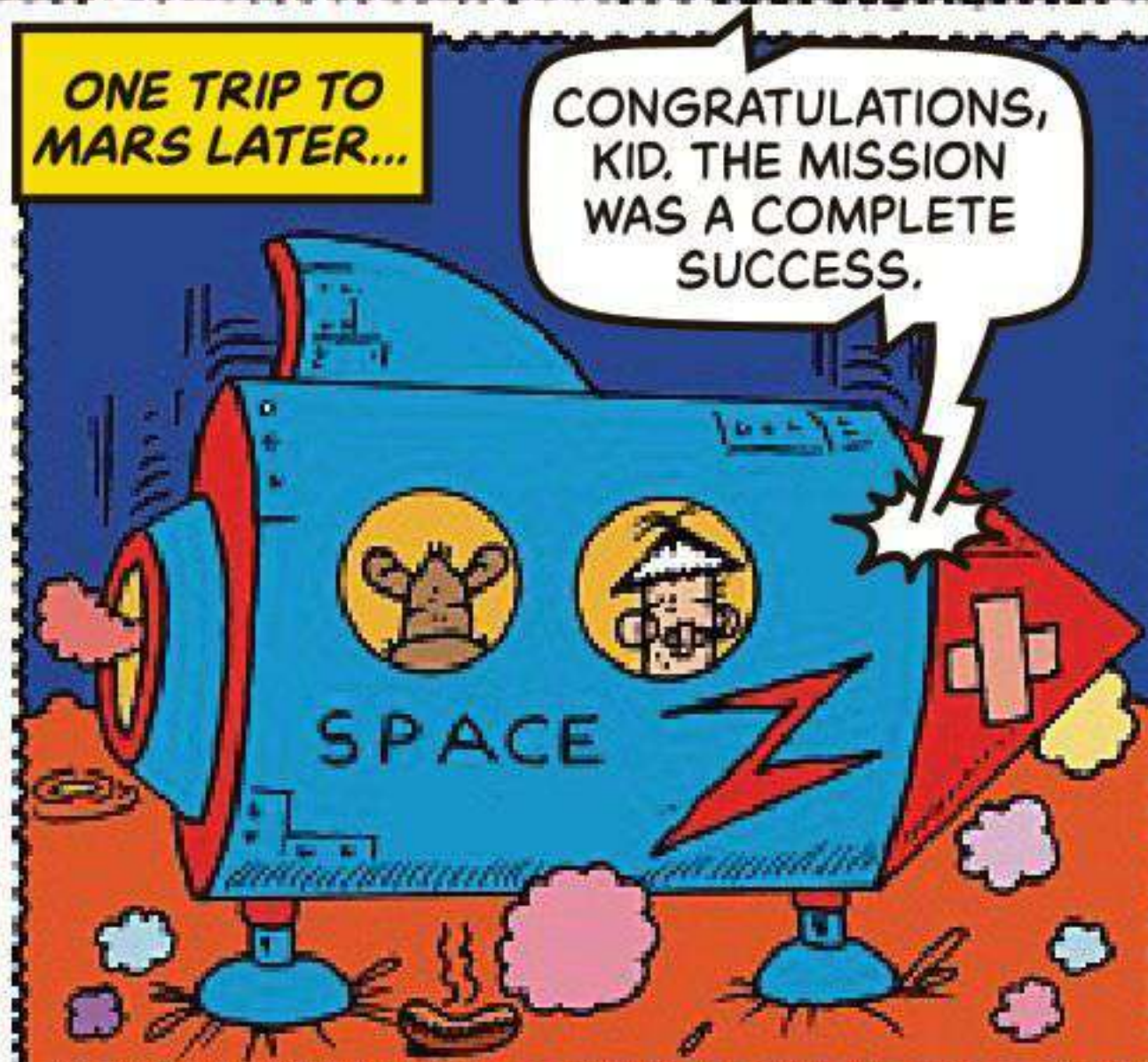
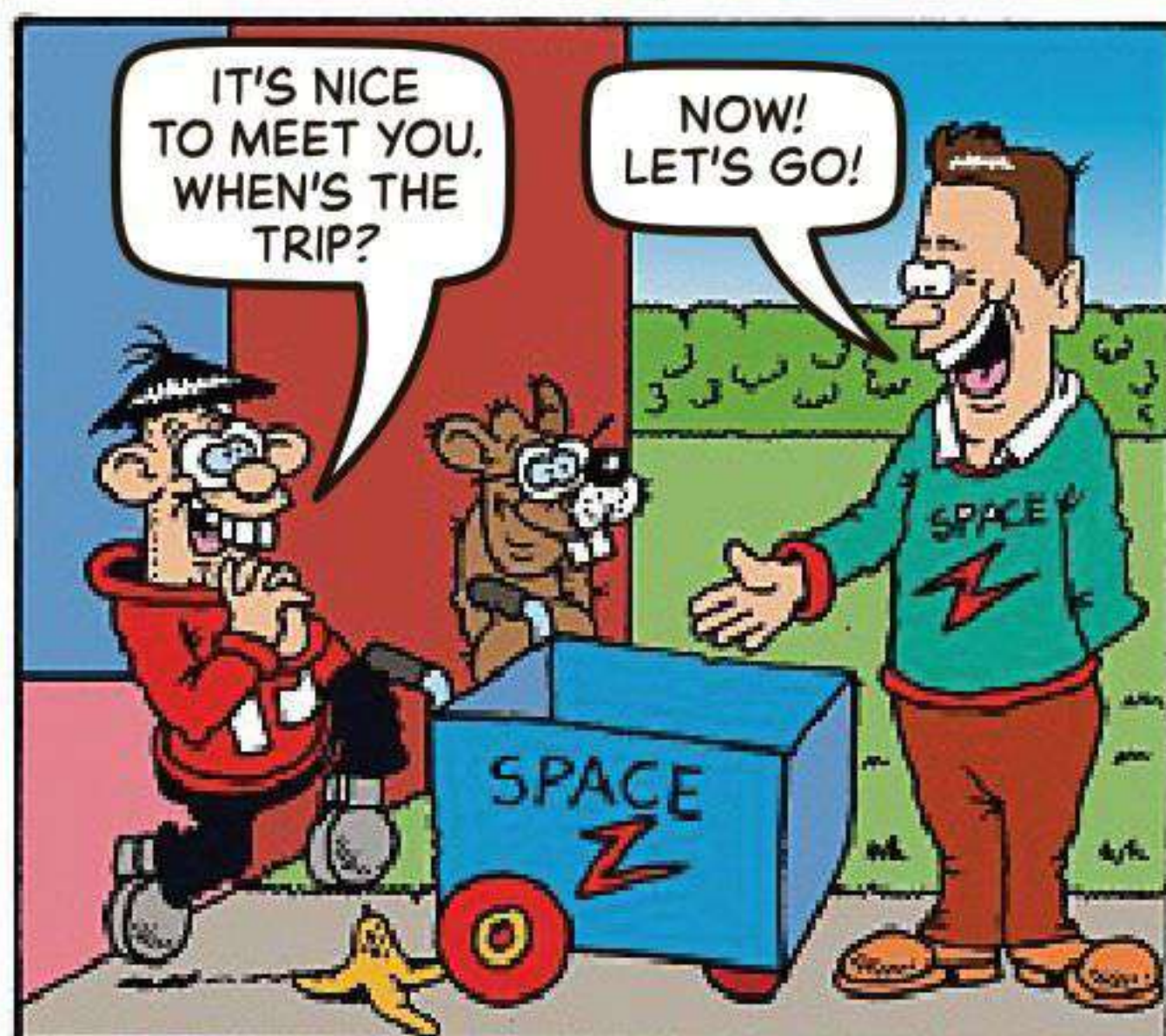
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CALAMITY JAMES



THE UNLUCKIEST BOY IN THE WORLD!



WORDS: Danny Pearson ART: Leslie Stannage



What did the beaver say to the tree? 'It's been nice gnawing you!'

CALLING ALL

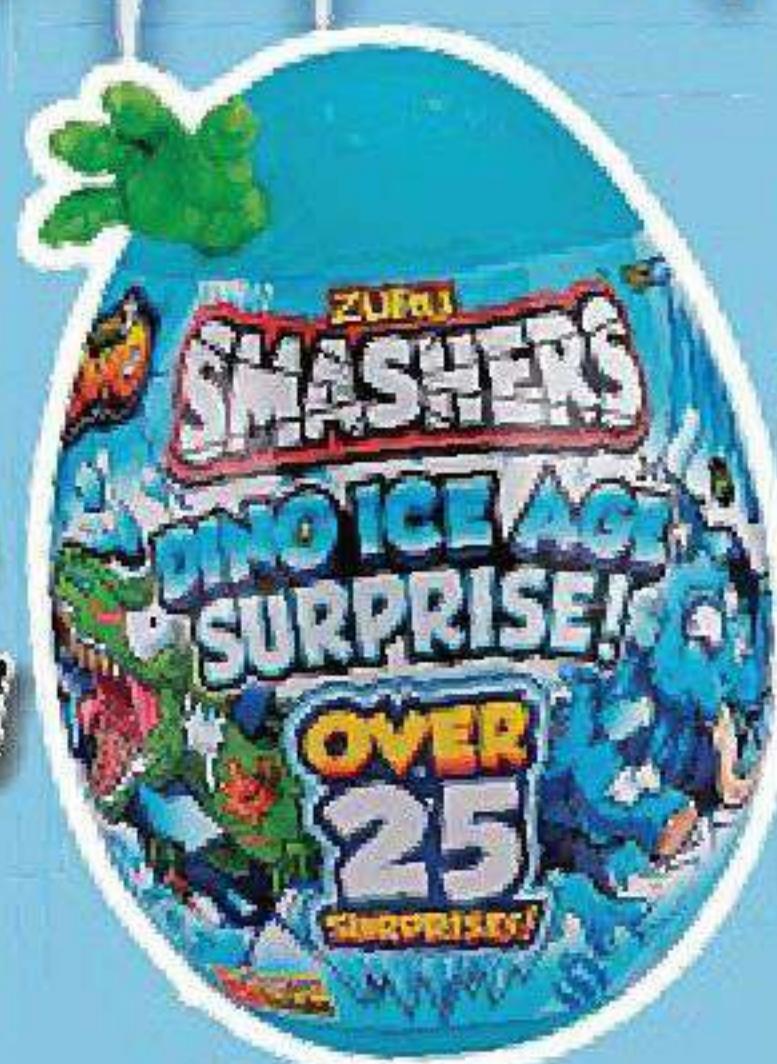
SUB-ZERO HEROES!

Are you up to the mammoth task of colouring in this page? The eight coolest pictures will win!



WIN!

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DINO ICE AGE
SURPRISE!



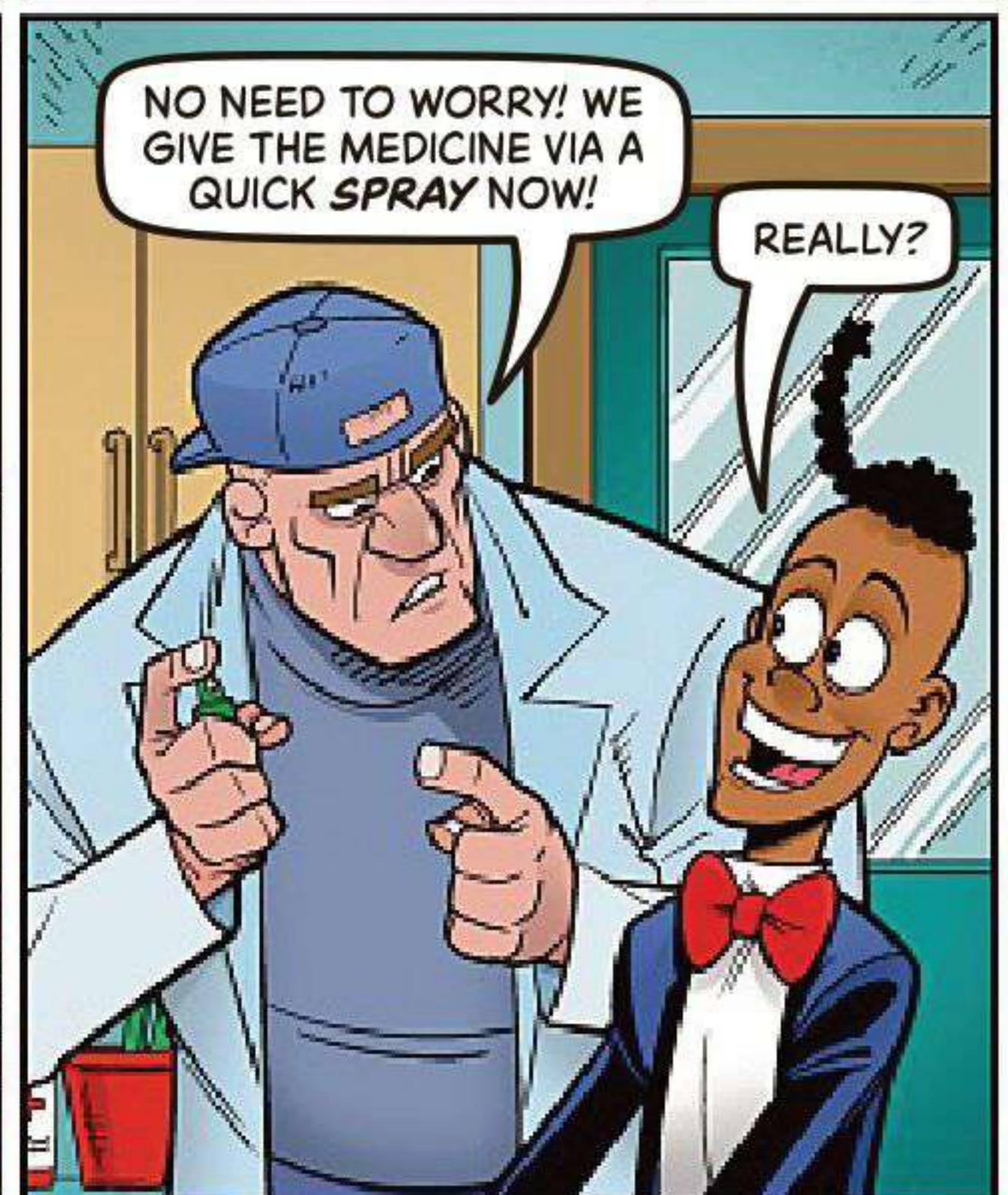
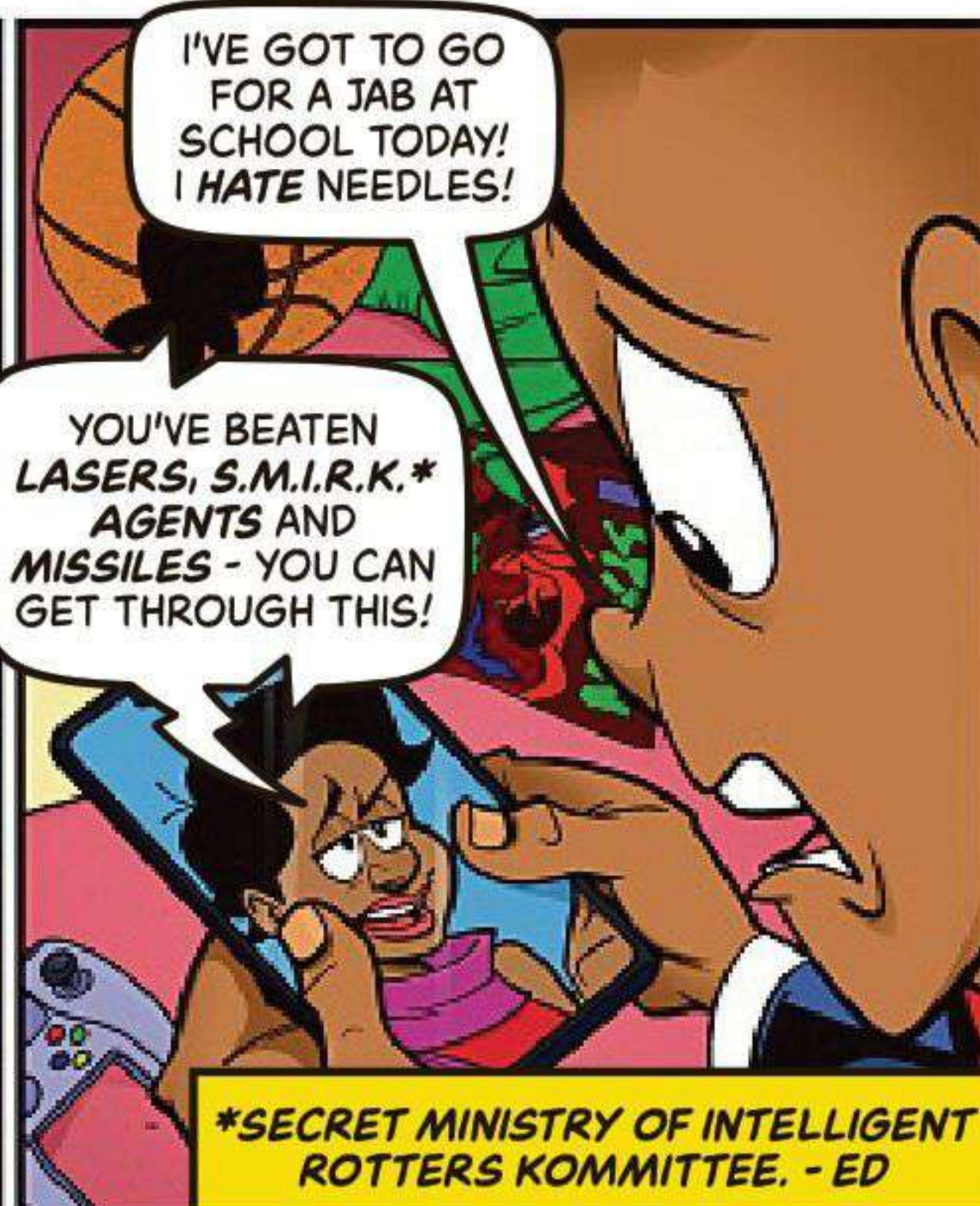
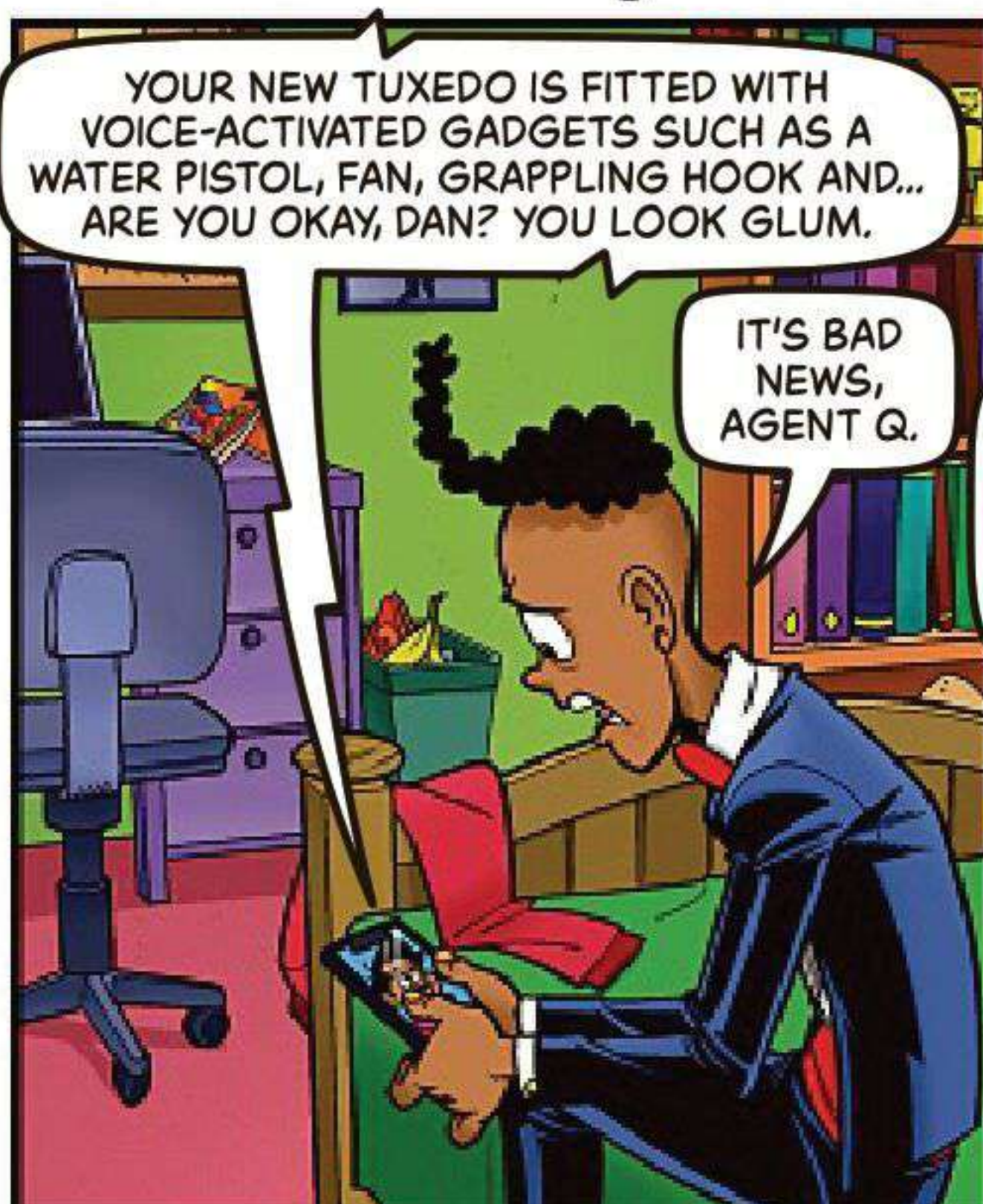
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The Beano editor will pick the most smashing entries. Closing date for entries: March 3rd, 2021 9:00 am (GMT). Please see page 35 for full competition details.



DANGEROUS DAN

BEANOTOWN'S **TOP** SPY!



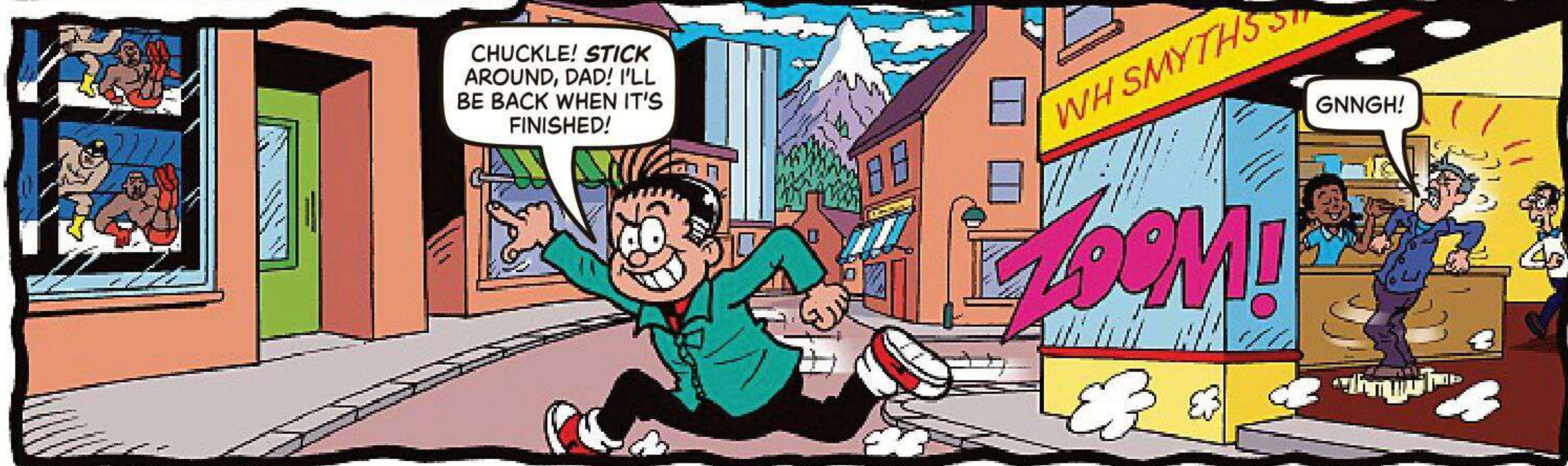
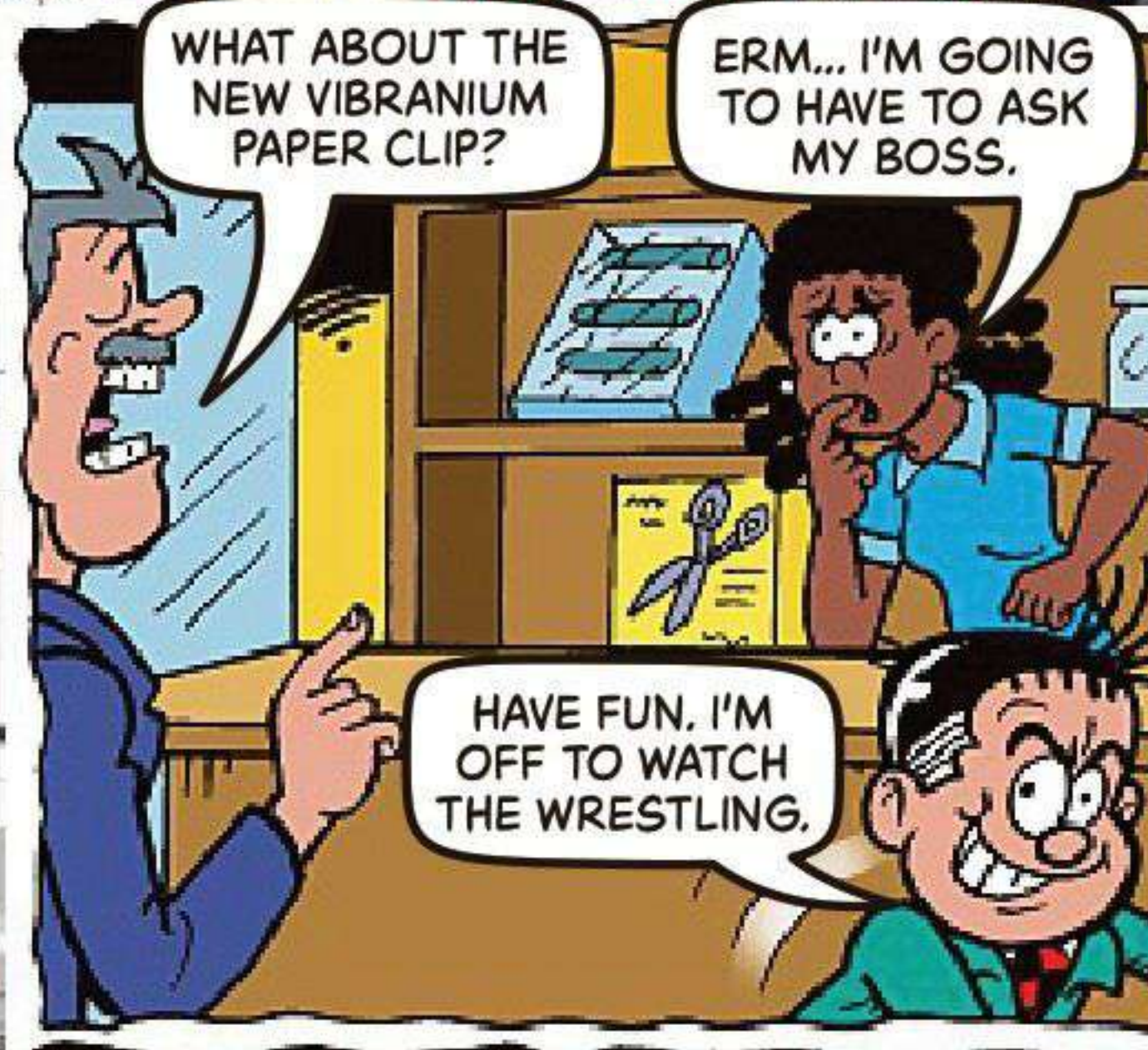
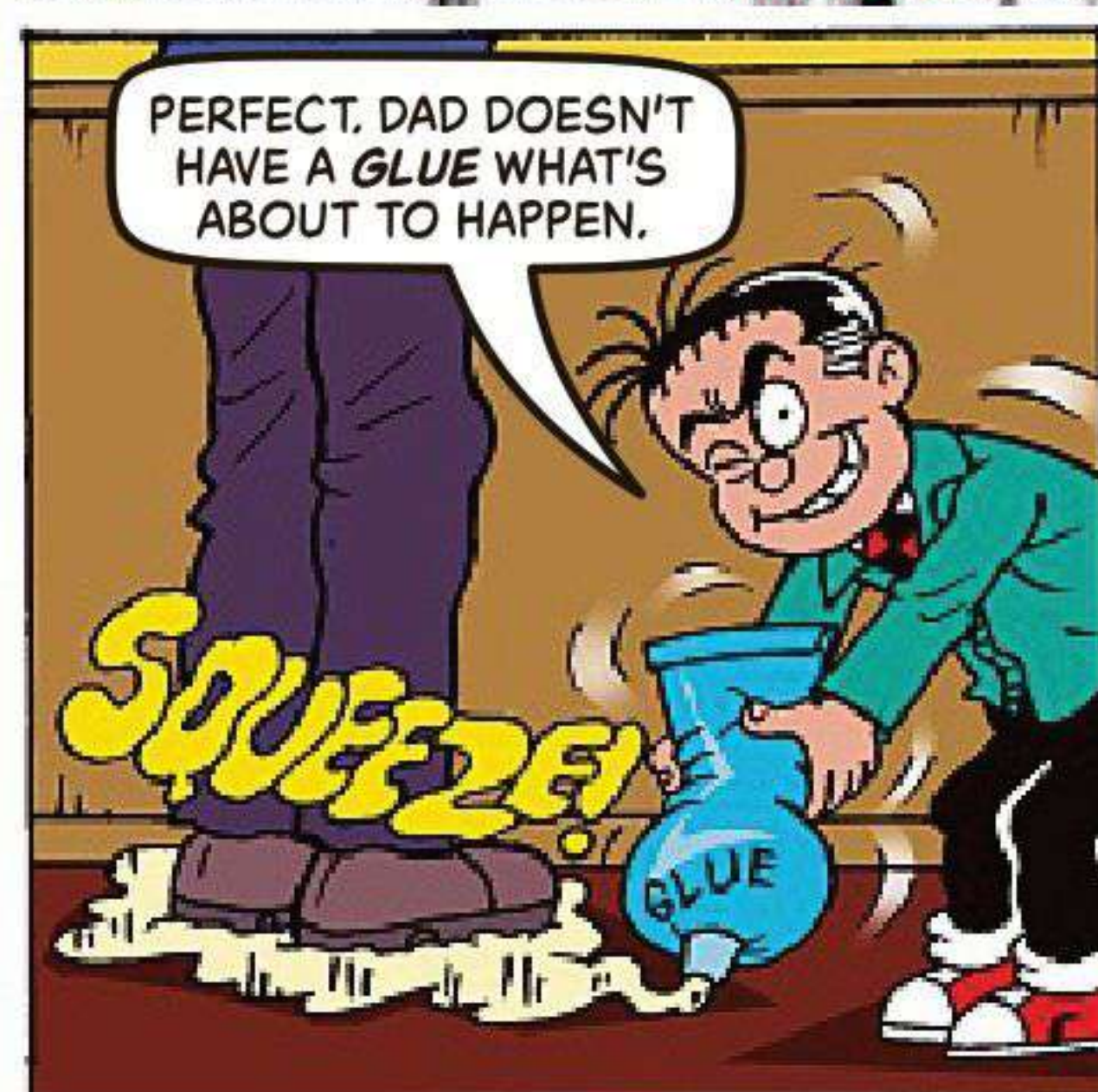
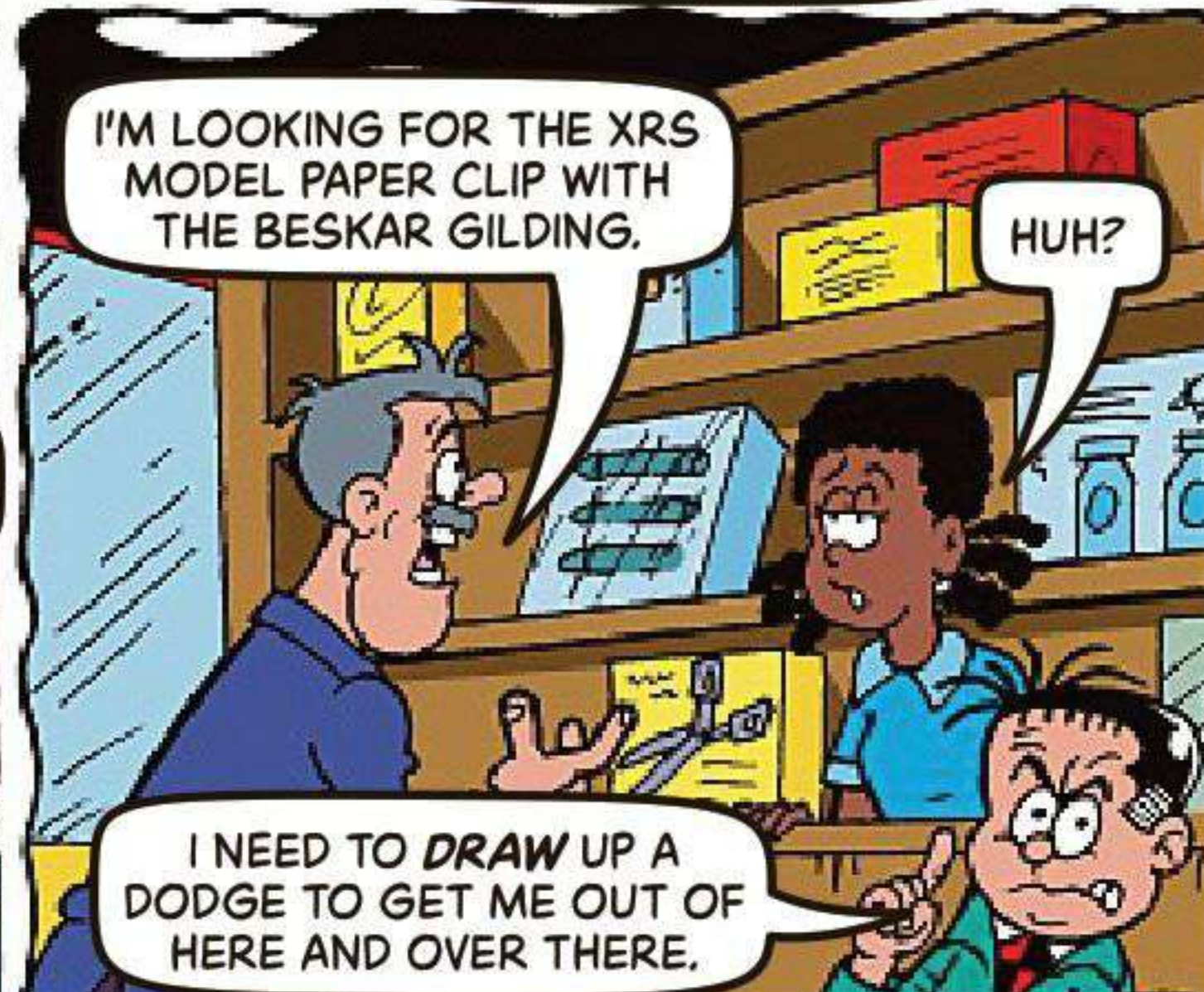
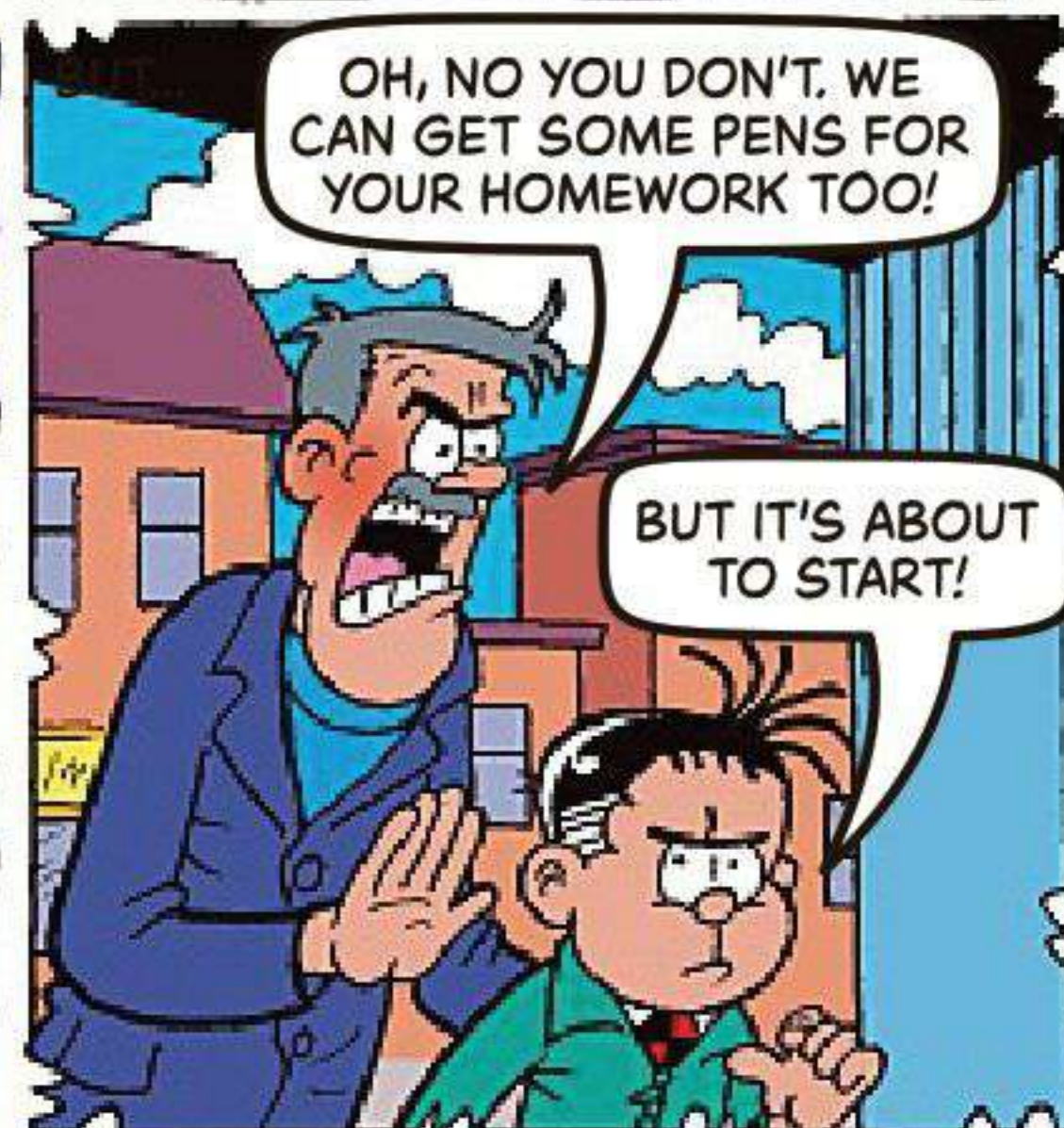
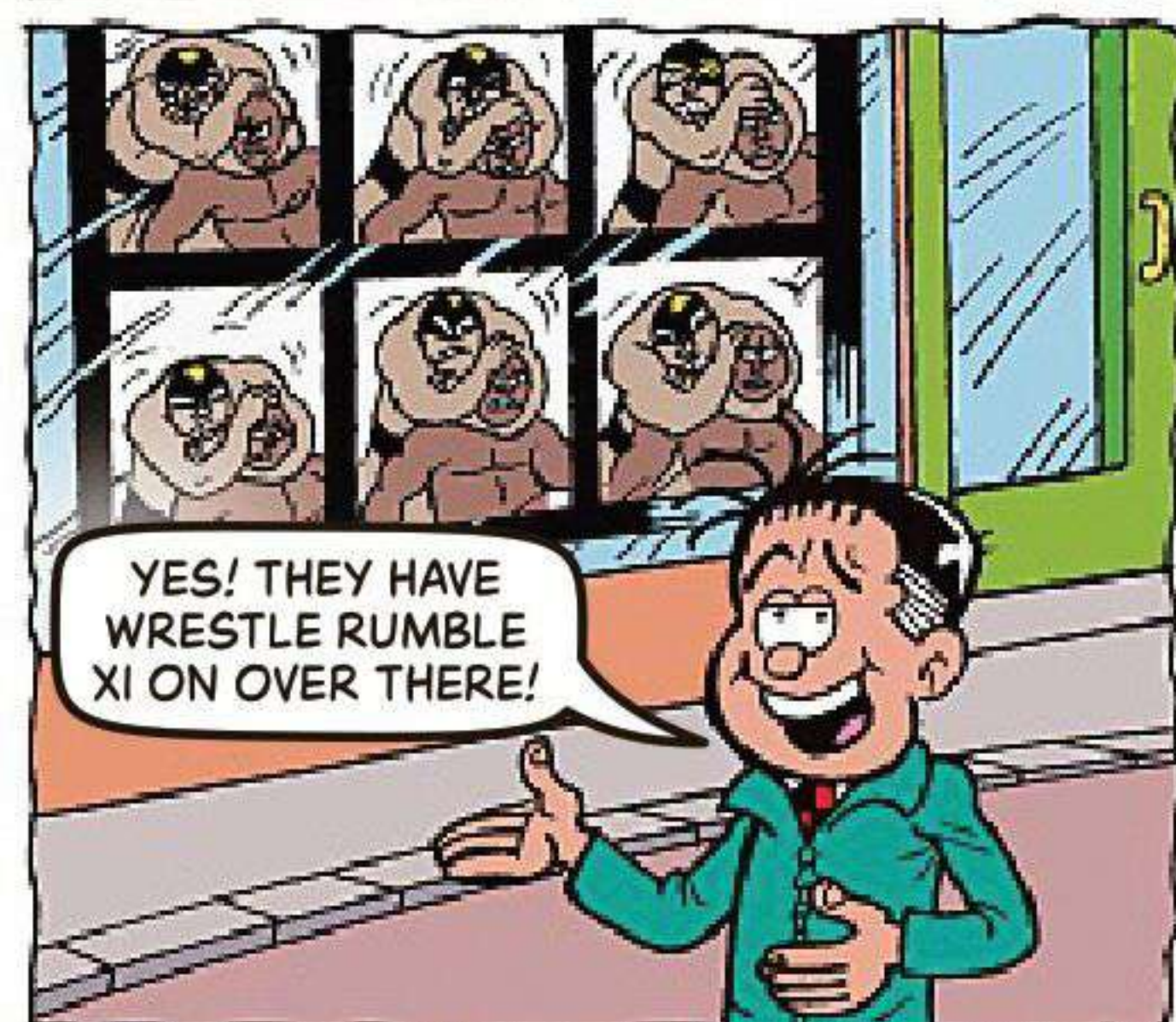
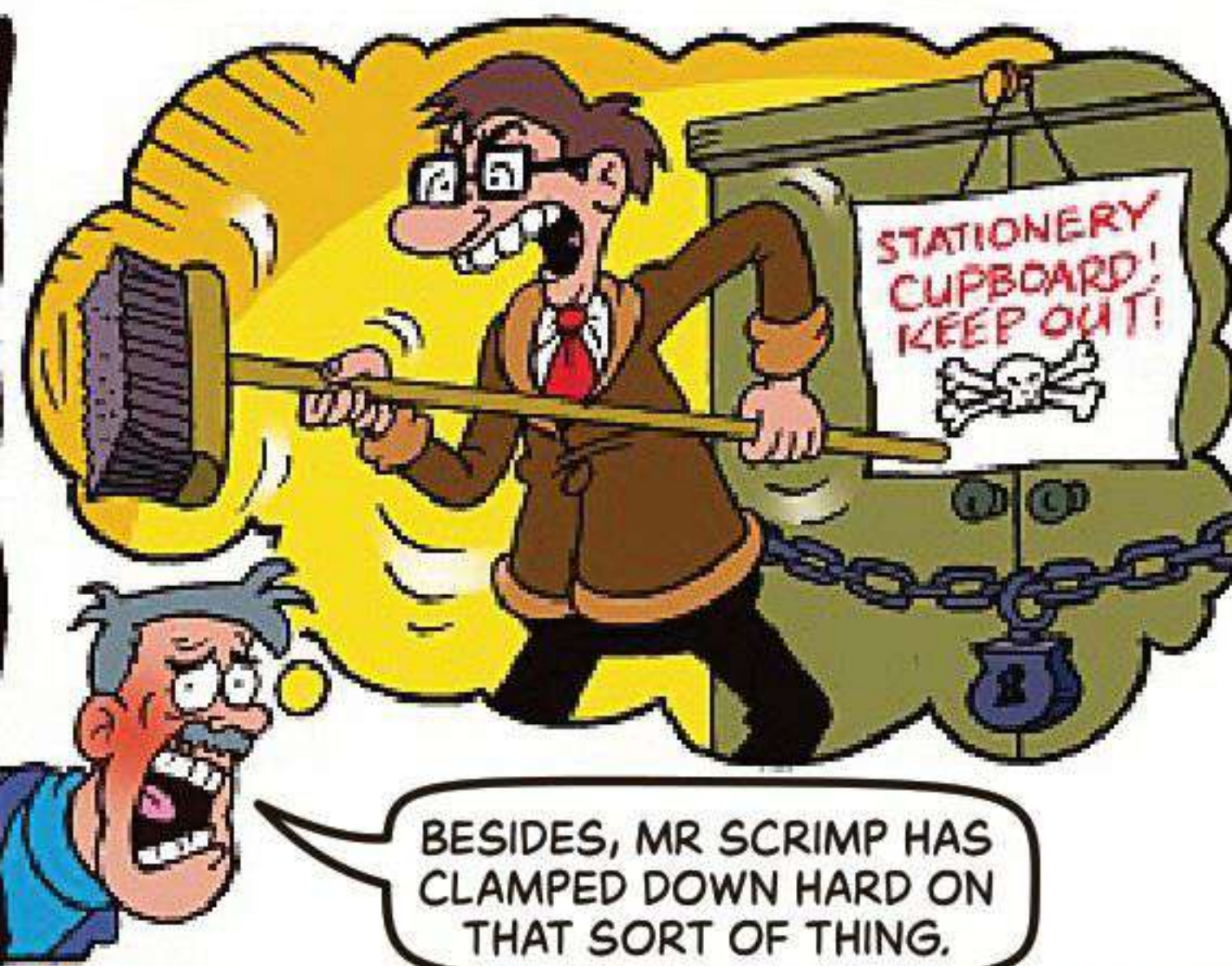
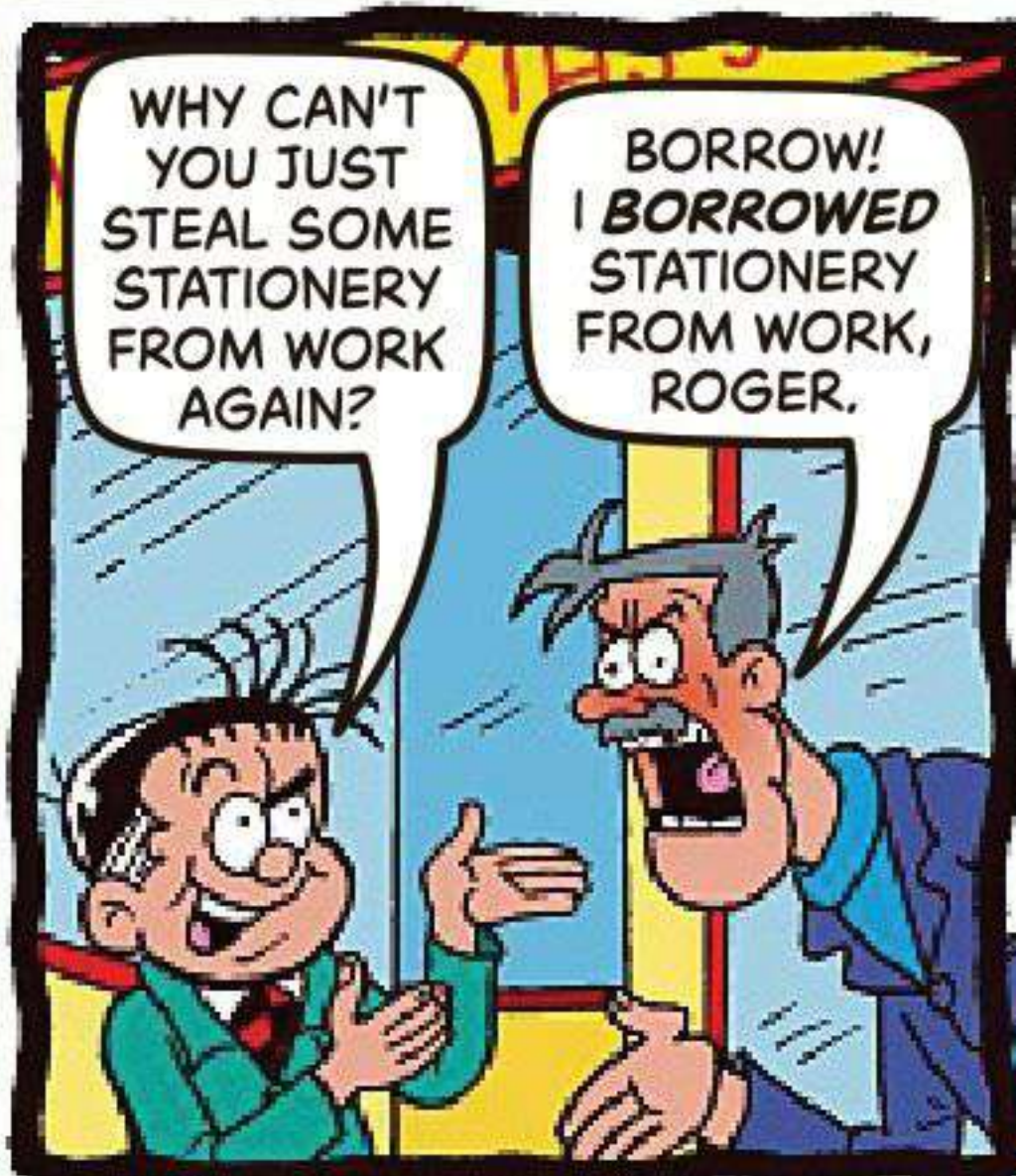
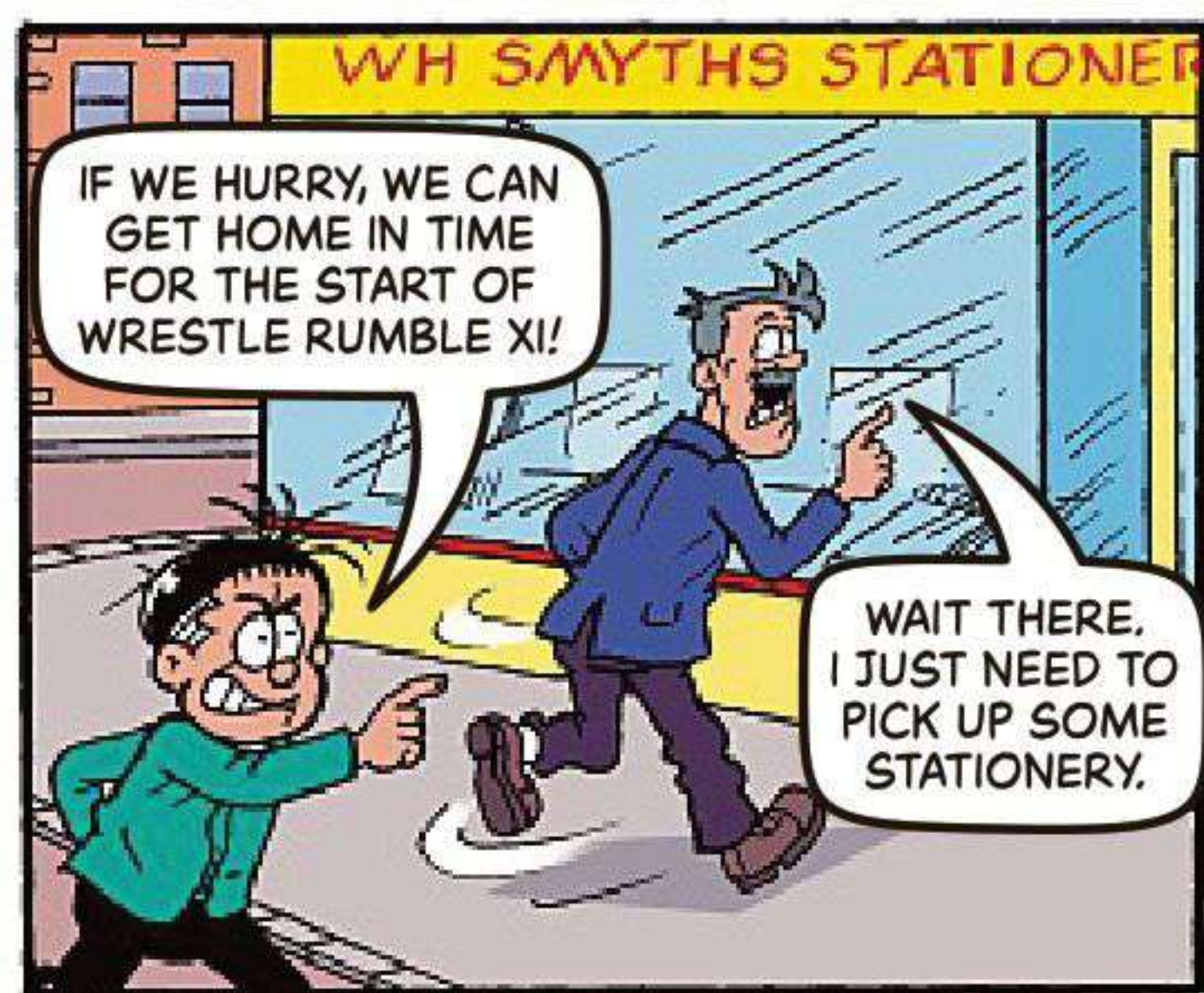
WORDS: Andy Fanton ART: The Sharp Bros.



What lights up a football stadium? **A football match!**

ROGER THE DODGER

HE'S ALWAYS GOT A TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE!



WORDS: Danny Pearson ART: Barrie Appleby

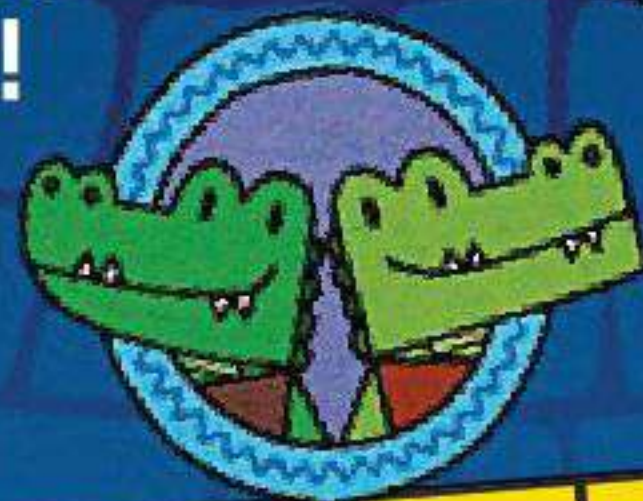


Why did the lazy man want a job in a bakery? So he could loaf around!

InvestiGATORS

Meet Mango and Brash - they're alligators and investigators and together they star as the InvestiGators in the very funny, full-colour graphic novels by John Patrick Green!

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'So funny I fell off my chair laughing!' - reader age 7

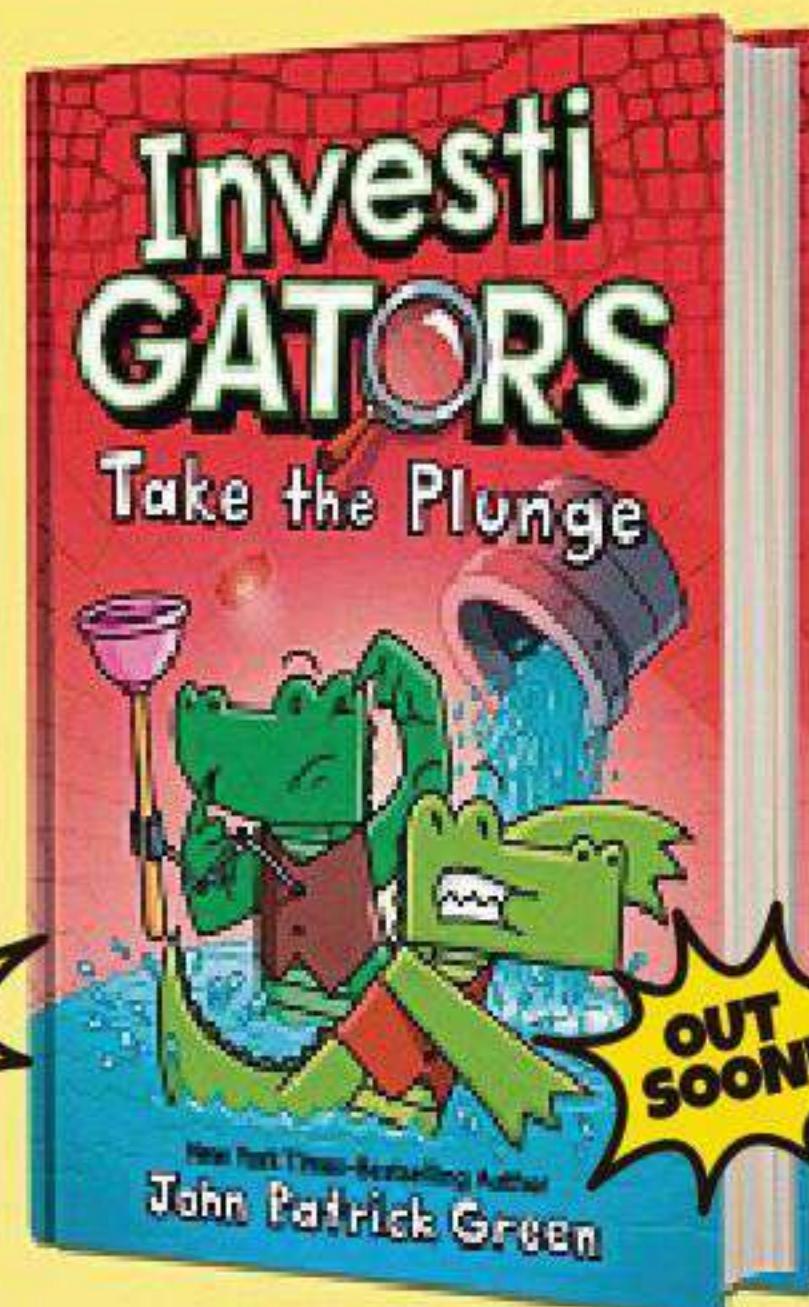
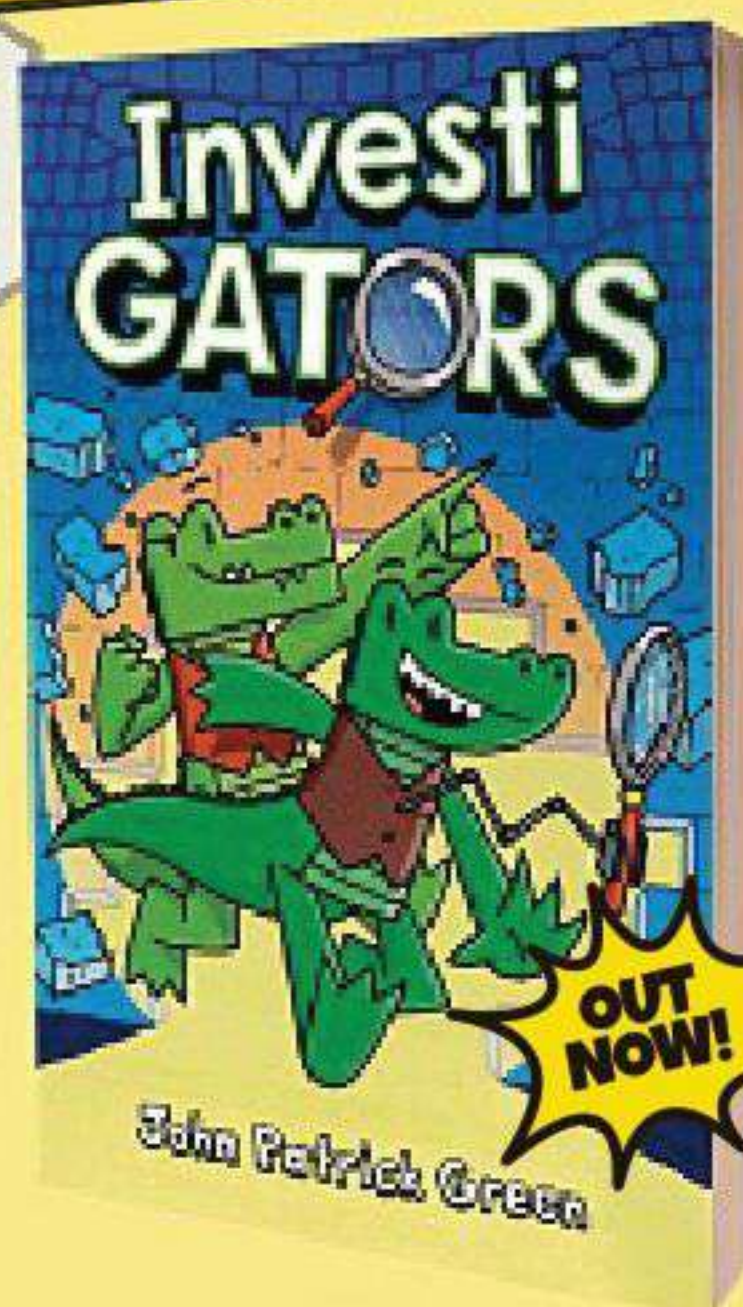
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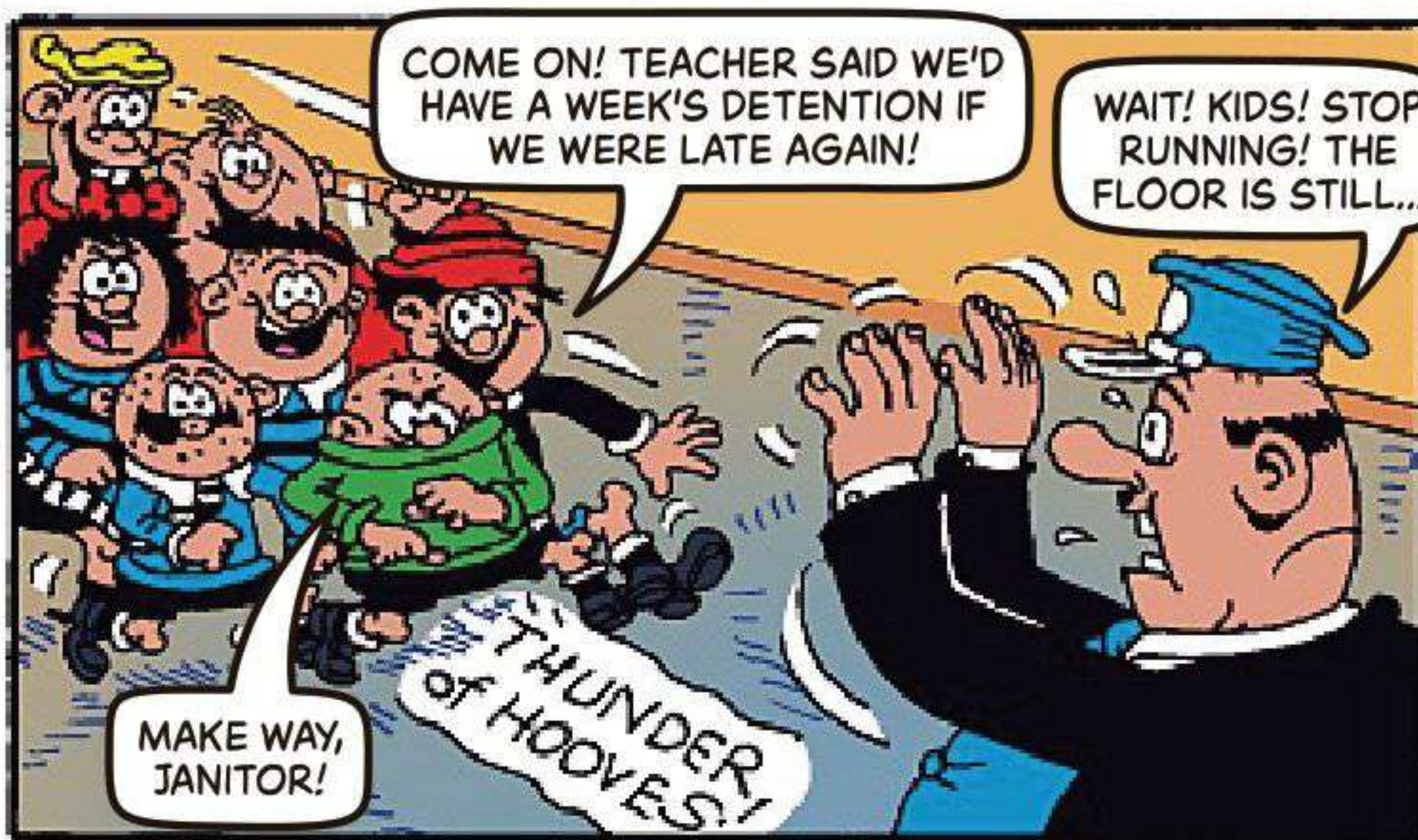
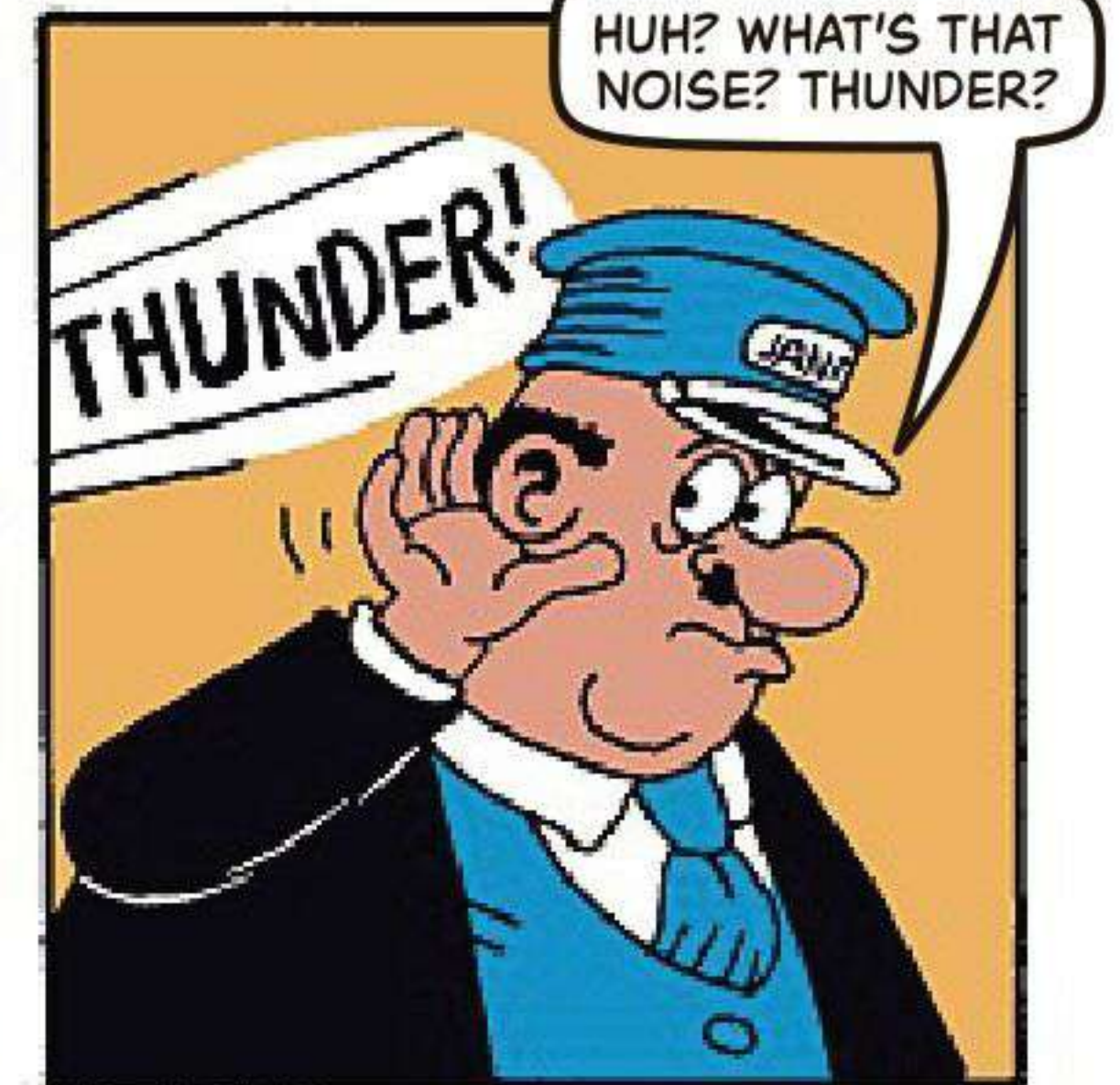
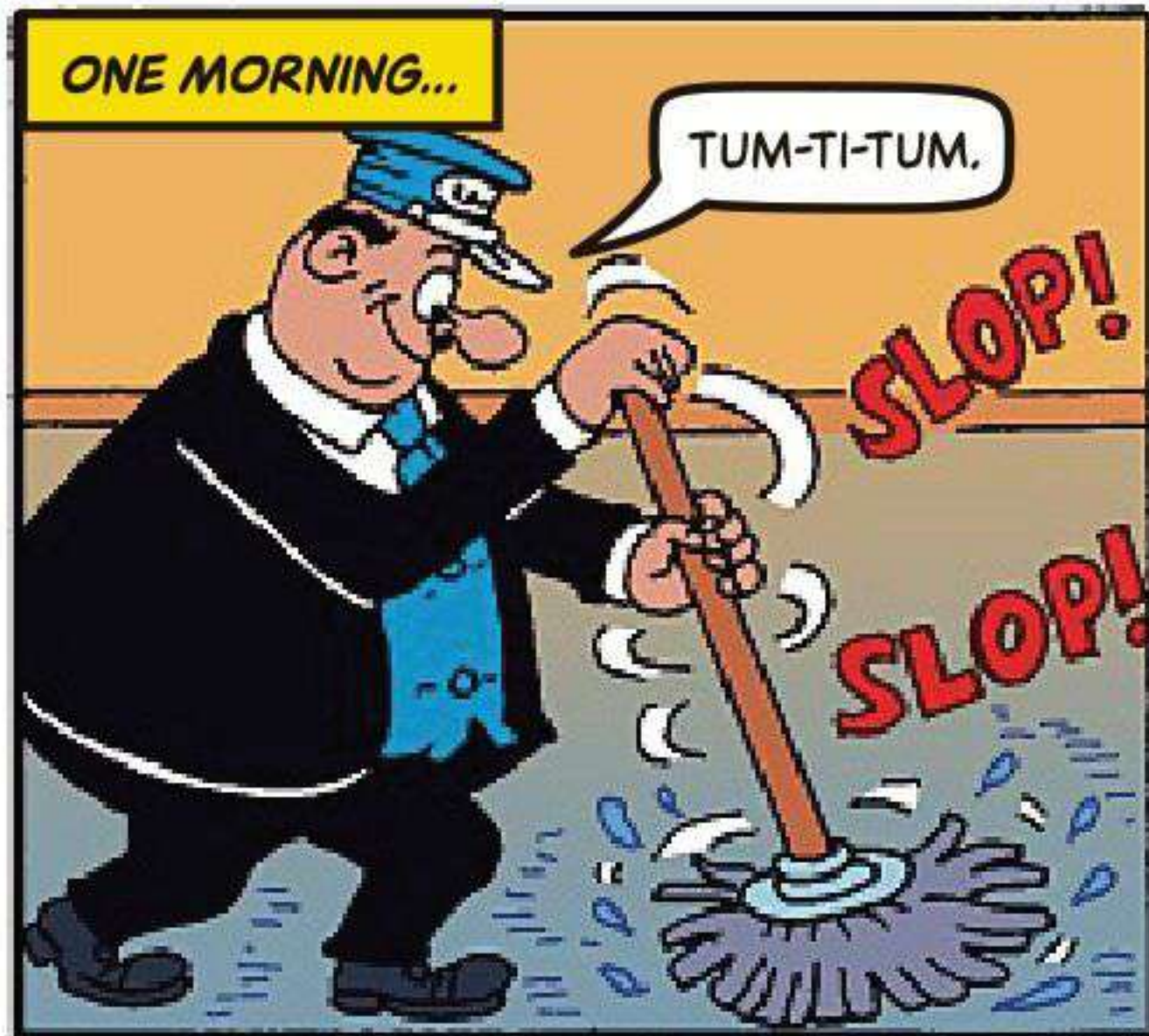


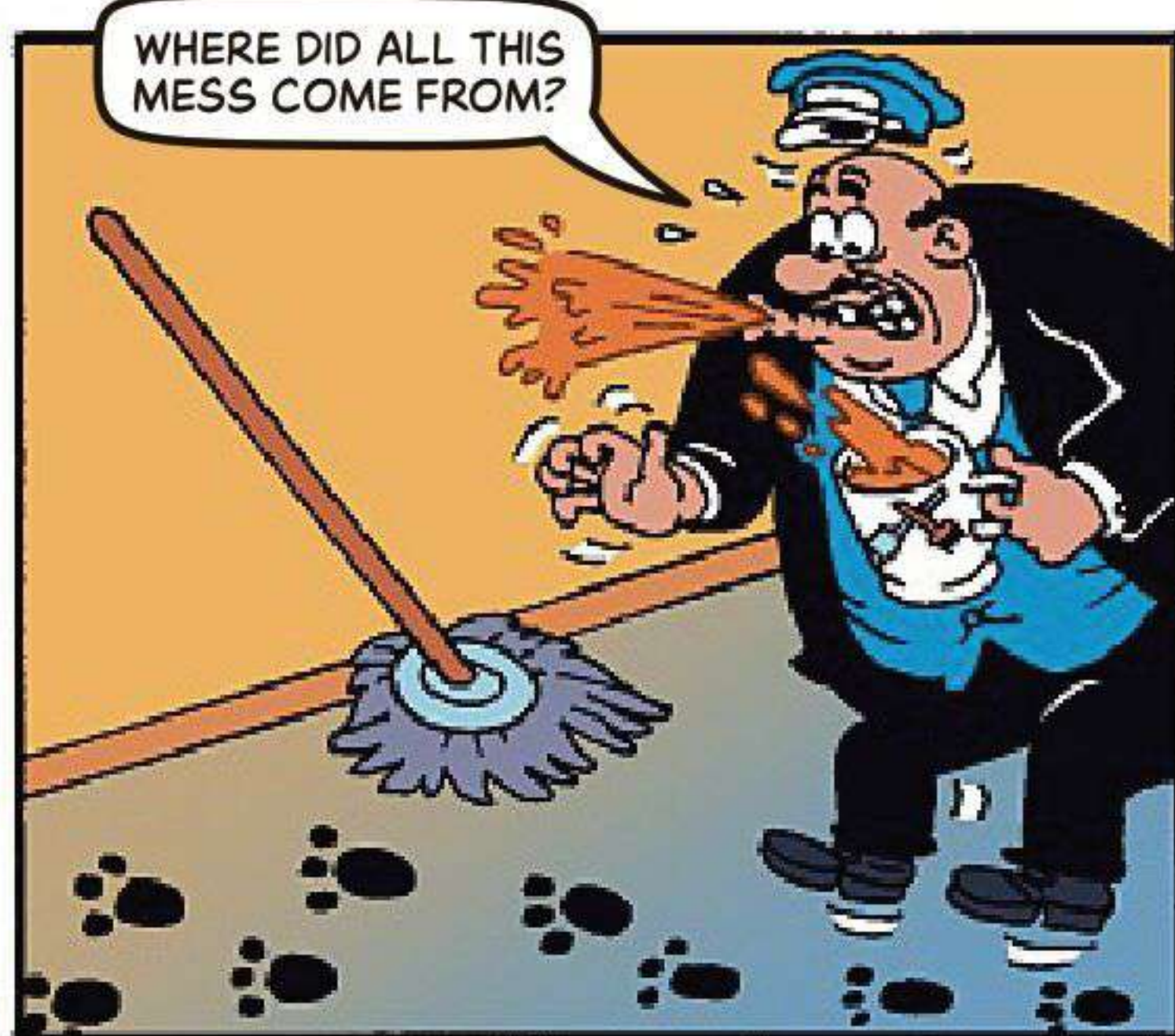
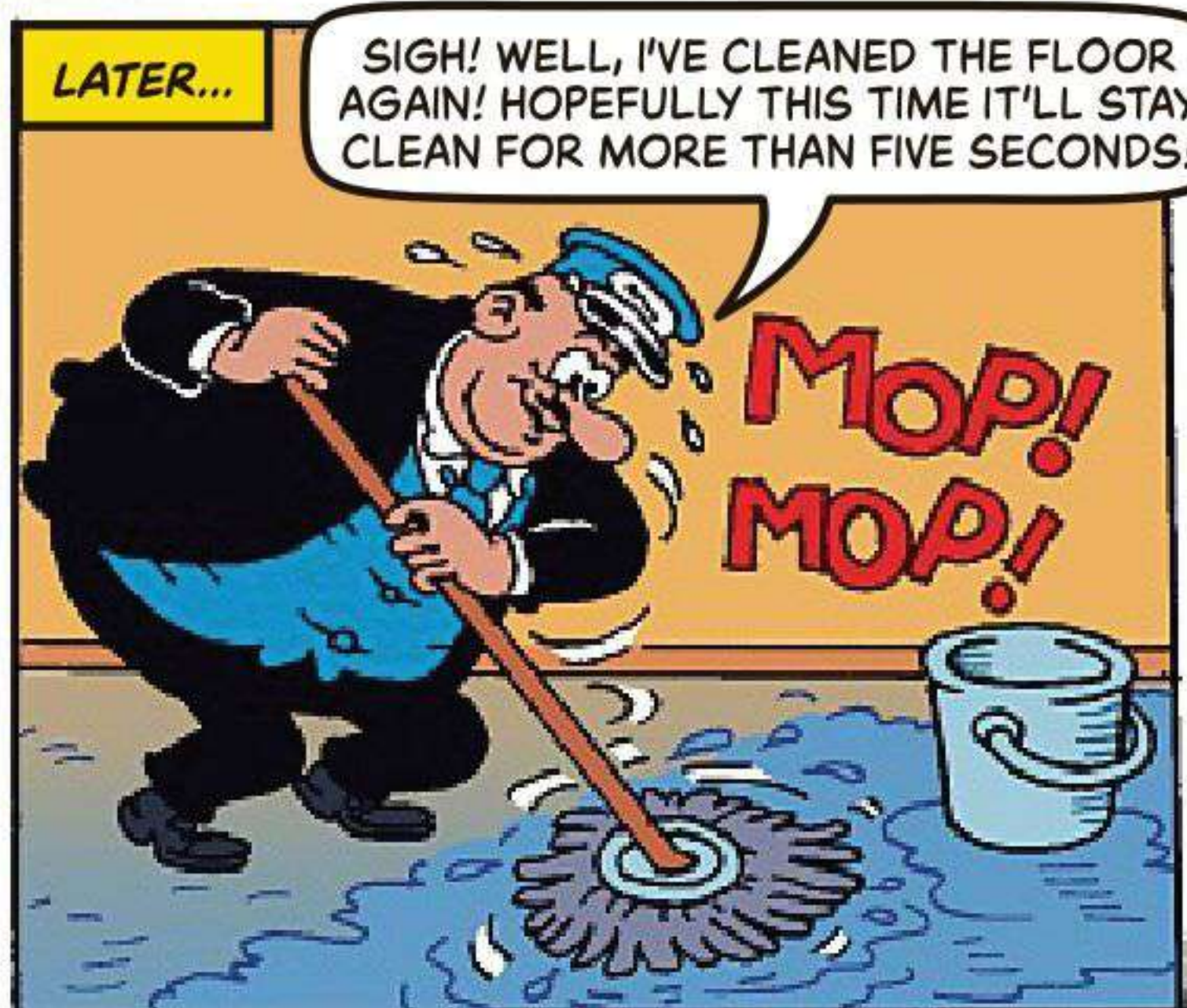
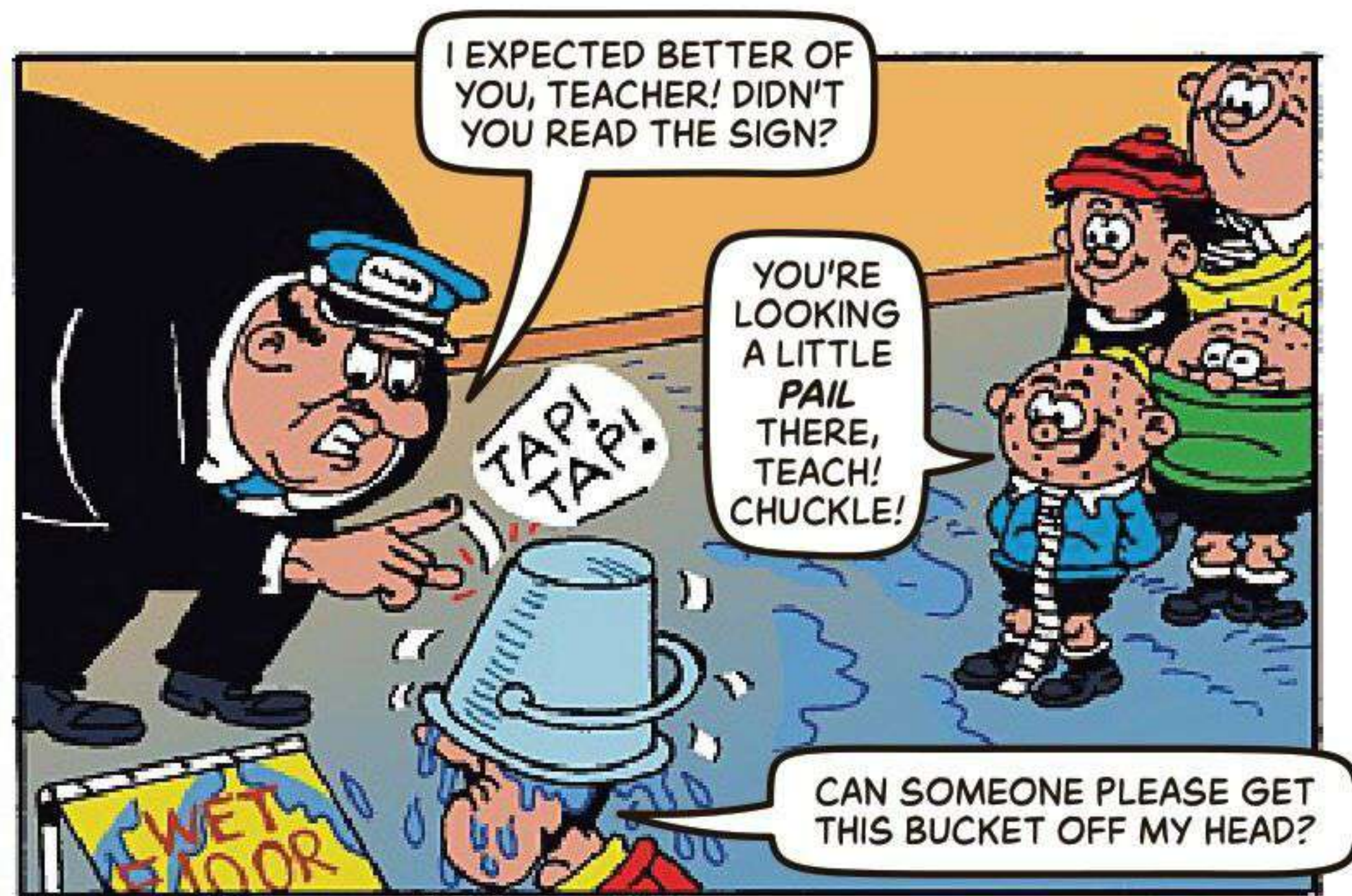
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THE BASH STREET KIDS

THE CLASS
EVERY
TEACHER
DREADS...





Where would you find an elephant? Where you left it!

ZOO GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!

THESE
UN-BEAR-ABLY
FUNNY JOKES ARE
HISS-TERICAL!

WHY DIDN'T ANYONE
BELIEVE THE TIGER?
BECAUSE THEY
THOUGHT IT WAS LION!

WHY DID THE
ELEPHANT STAY IN
THE AIRPORT?
IT WAS WAITING
FOR ITS TRUNK!

WHAT DO POLAR BEARS
EAT FOR LUNCH?
ICEBERG-ERS!

CAN A KANGAROO JUMP
HIGHER THAN THE EMPIRE
STATE BUILDING?
OF COURSE! BUILDINGS
CAN'T JUMP!

HOW DO PENGUINS
DRINK?
FROM BEAK-ERS!

WHERE DO MONKEYS
HEAR THE BEST
GOSSIP?
ON THE APE-VINE!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE
RACE BETWEEN A GIRAFFE
AND AN OSTRICH?
IT WAS NECK AND NECK!

WHAT KIND OF
SNAKE DO YOU FIND
ON A CAR?
A WINDSCREEN VIPER!

WHAT KIND OF JOKES
DO TORTOISES TELL?
SHELL-ARIOUS ONES!

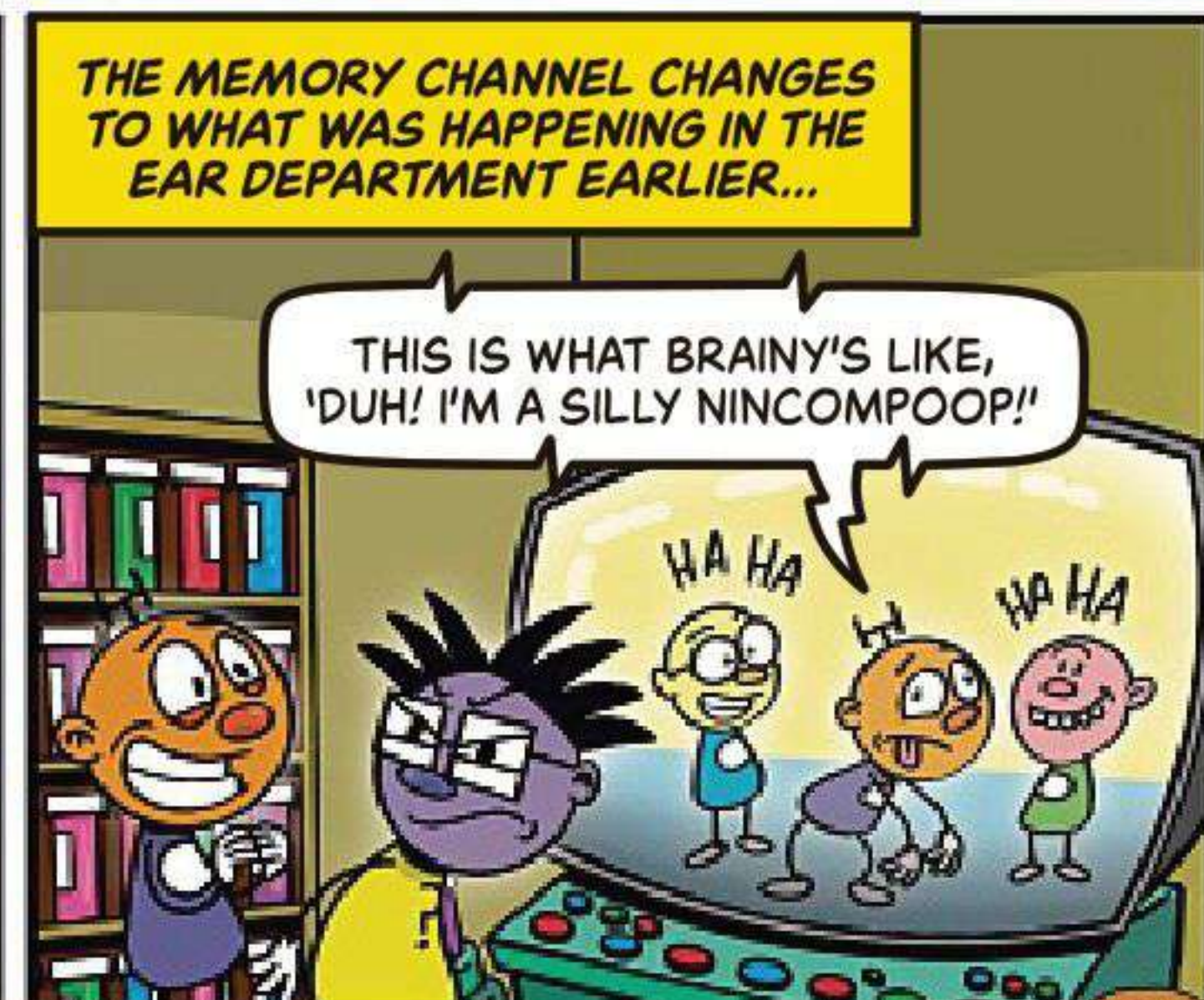
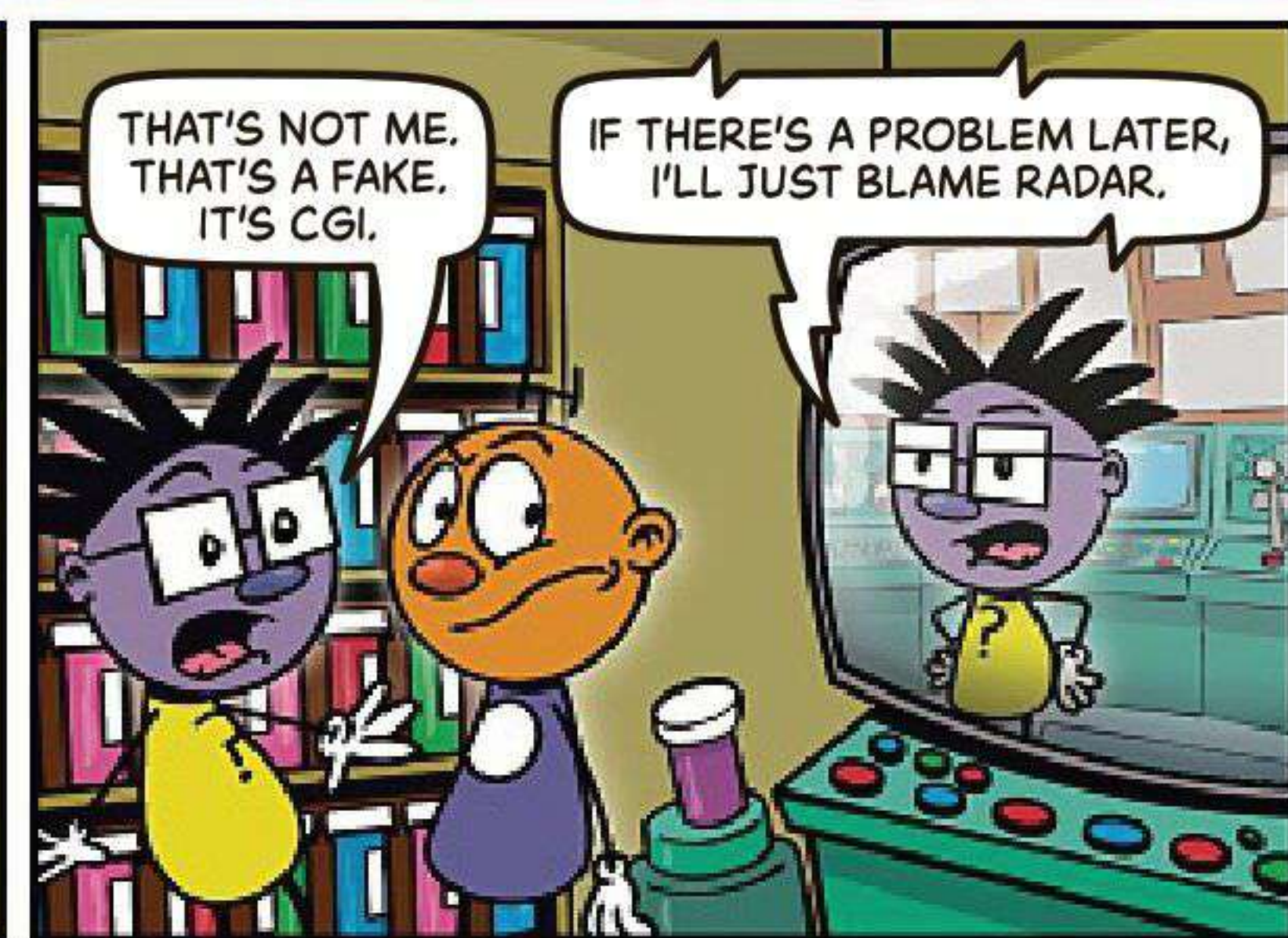
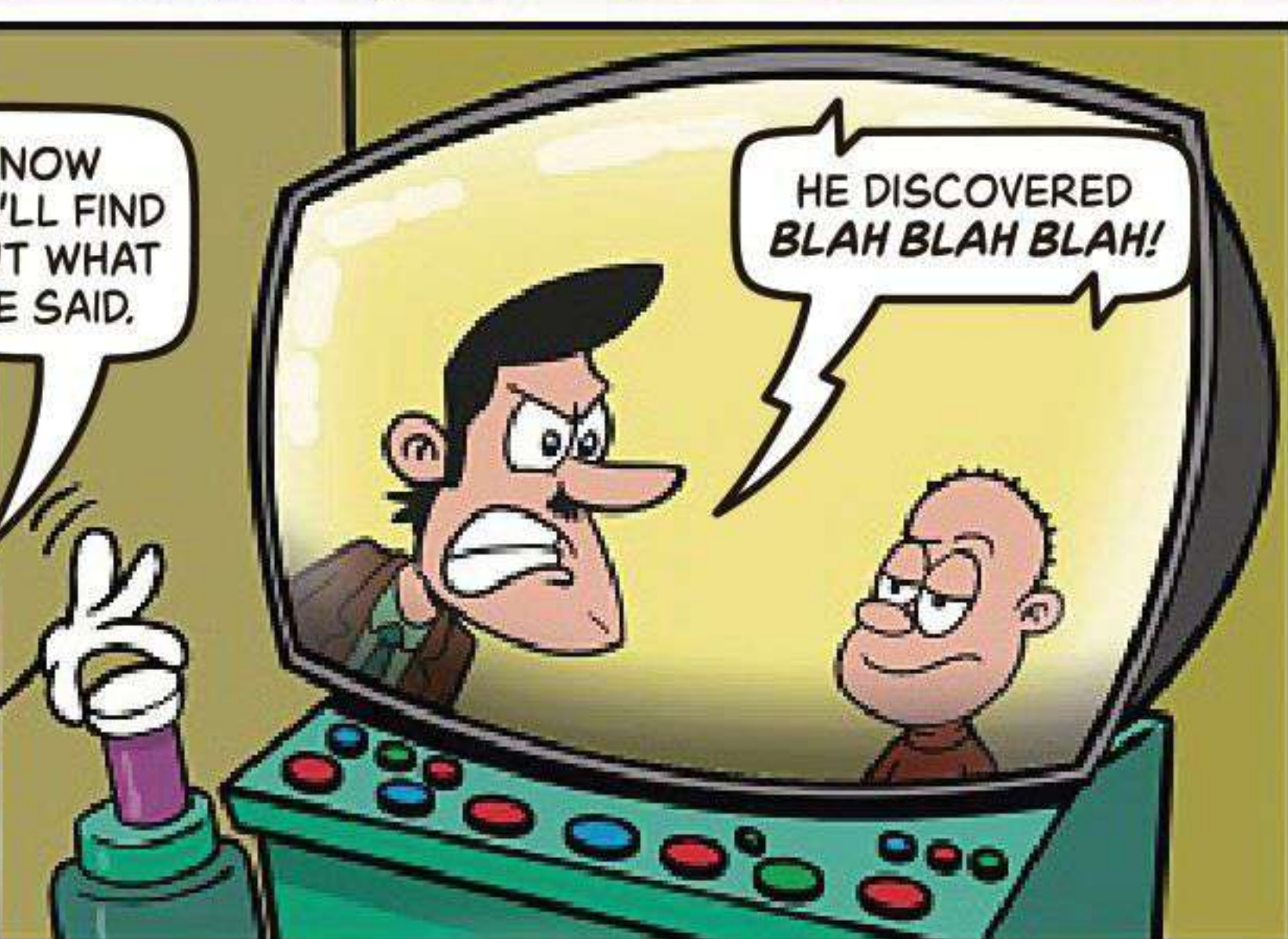
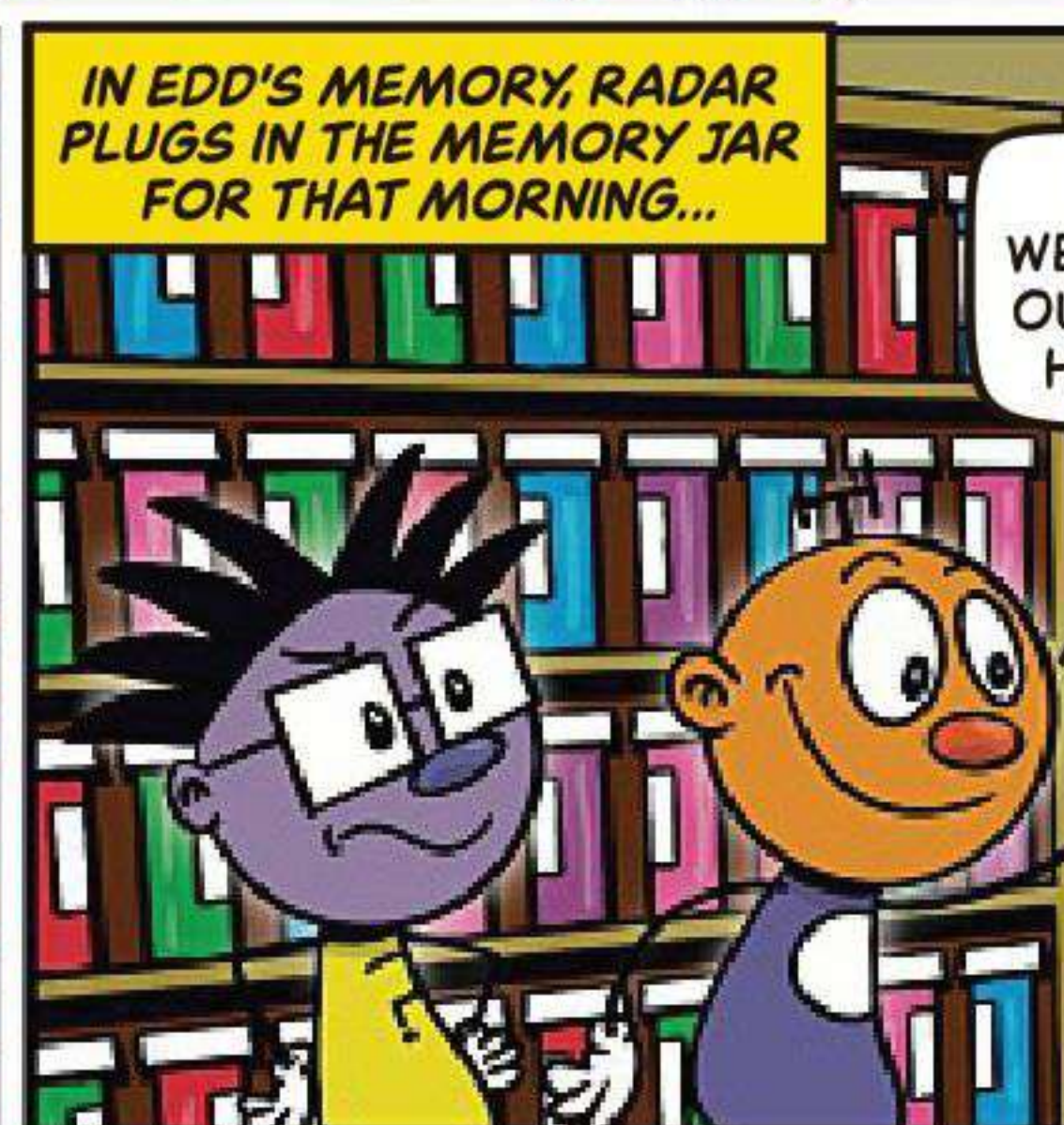
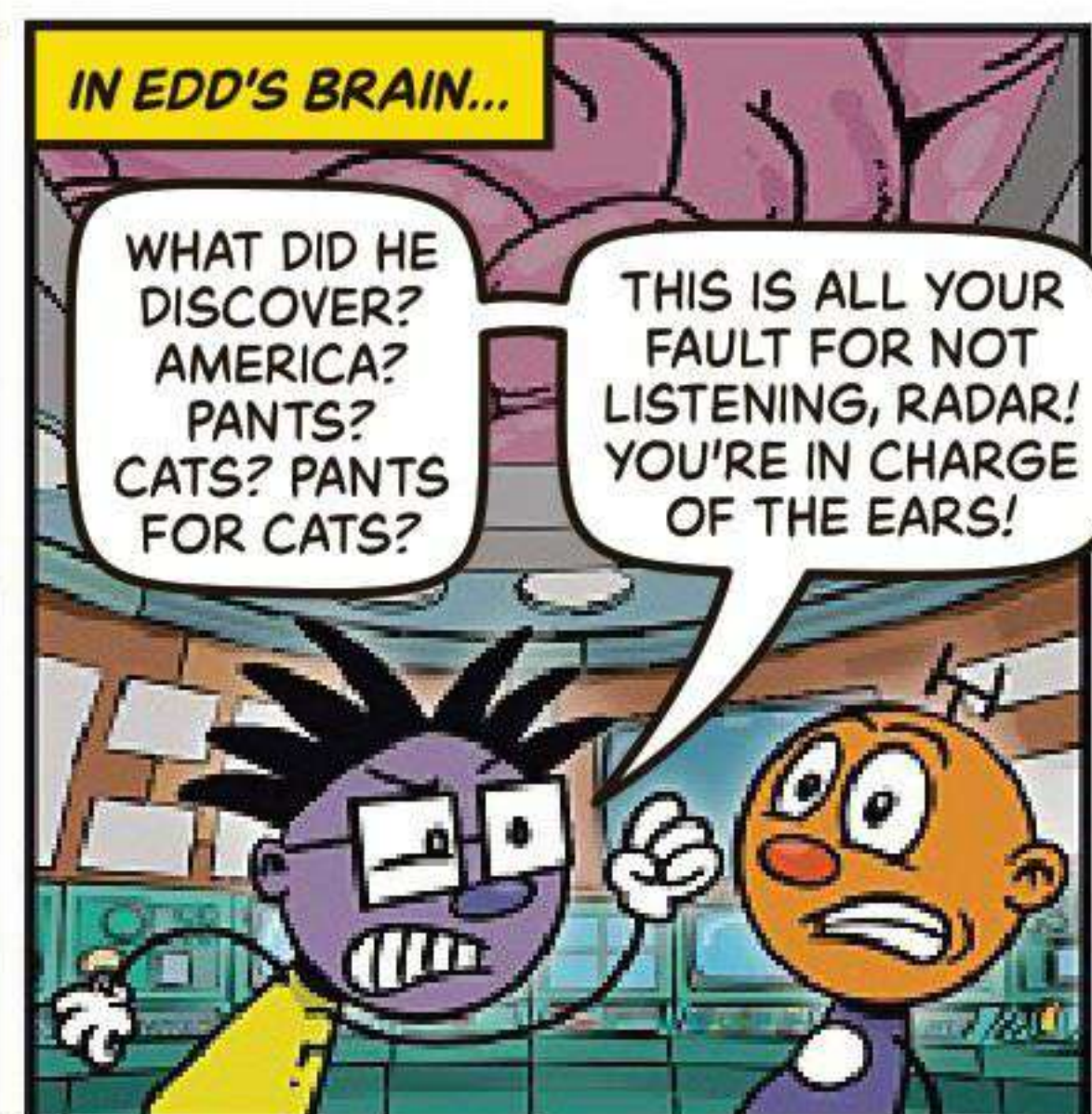
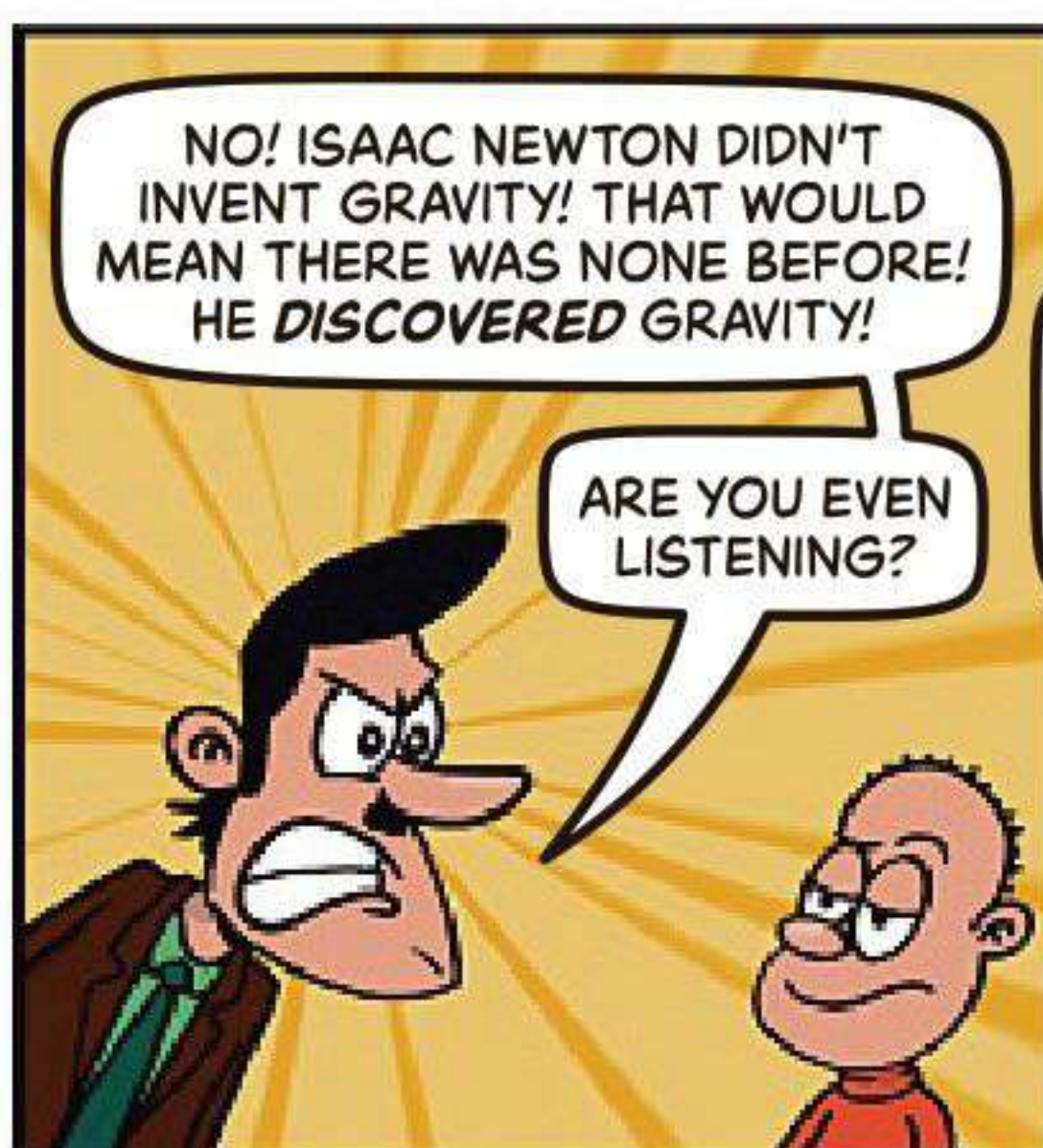
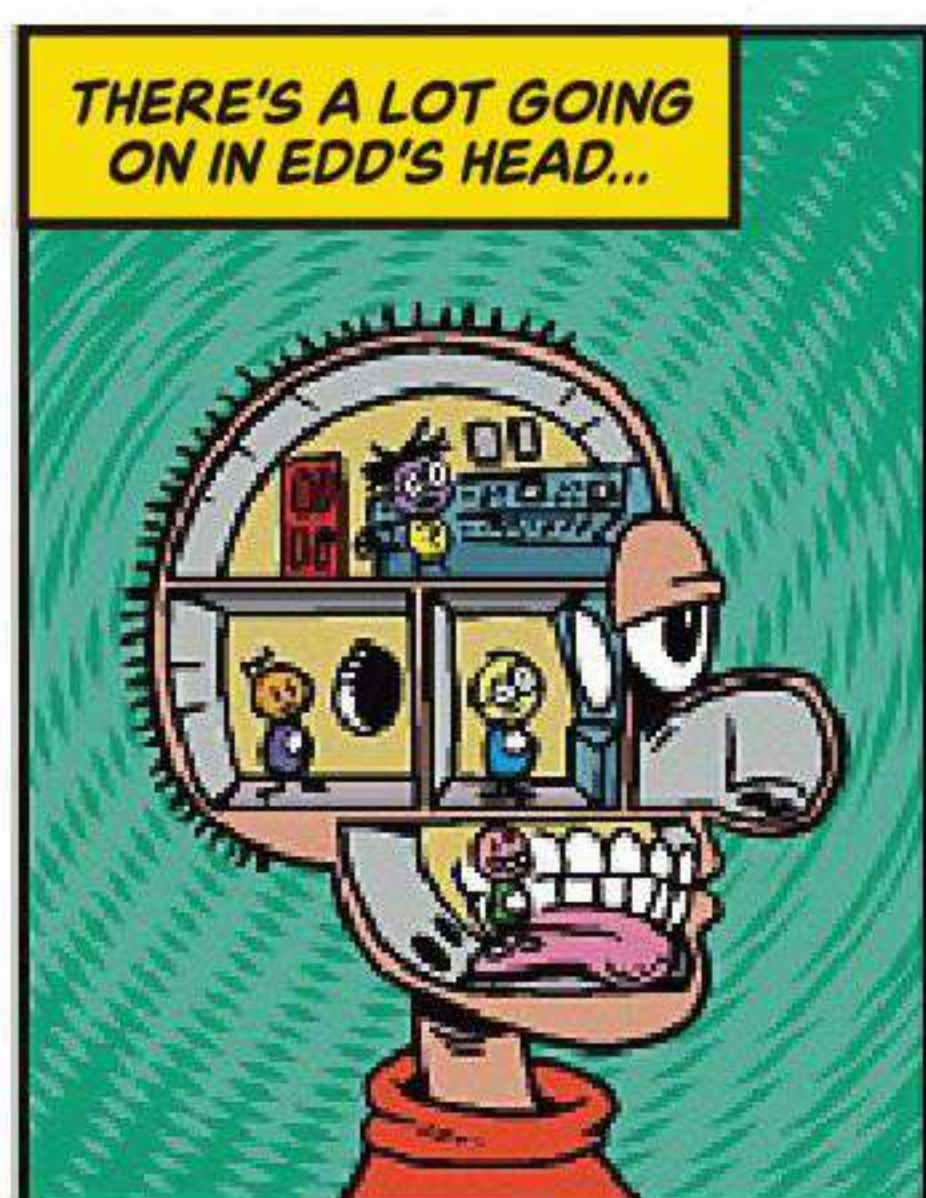


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NUMSKULLS



The little guys that live in your head! Everybody has them!



WORDS & ART: Nigel Auchterlounie



What do you call a flying police officer? **A helicopper!**

THIS JOKE MADE ME LAUGH OUT LOUD!



BEANOTOWN'S TOP TRICKSTER!

TRICKY DICKY



LATE ON SUNDAY NIGHT...

YOU HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW. YOU NEED TO GET TO BED NOW.

I KNEW THEY'D WANT ME TO GO TO BED BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT.

THANKFULLY, I HAVE A FEW TRICKS UP MY PYJAMA SLEEVES.

A BIT LATER...

DICKY TOOK THAT RATHER WELL.

YEAH, I THOUGHT HE WOULD KICK UP A FUSS ABOUT MISSING THE WRESTLING.

HE MUST BE UP TO SOMETHING!

SO...

MAYBE WE WERE TOO QUICK TO JUDGE. HE'S FAST ASLEEP.

HMM... SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT!

BUT...

IT'S A DICKY DECOY!

I THOUGHT I RECOGNISED THAT SOUND. HE'S RECORDED YOUR SNORING AND PUT IT ON A LOOP.

HEY! I DON'T SNORE!

SO...

I KNEW IT!

SWITCH THIS OFF AND GET BACK TO BED.

MANY DICKY DECOYS LATER...

ANOTHER ONE?!

THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS.

BACK IN DICKY'S BEDROOM...

DING! DING! WHAT A NIGHT!

WAIT A MINUTE. WHERE'S THAT COMING FROM?

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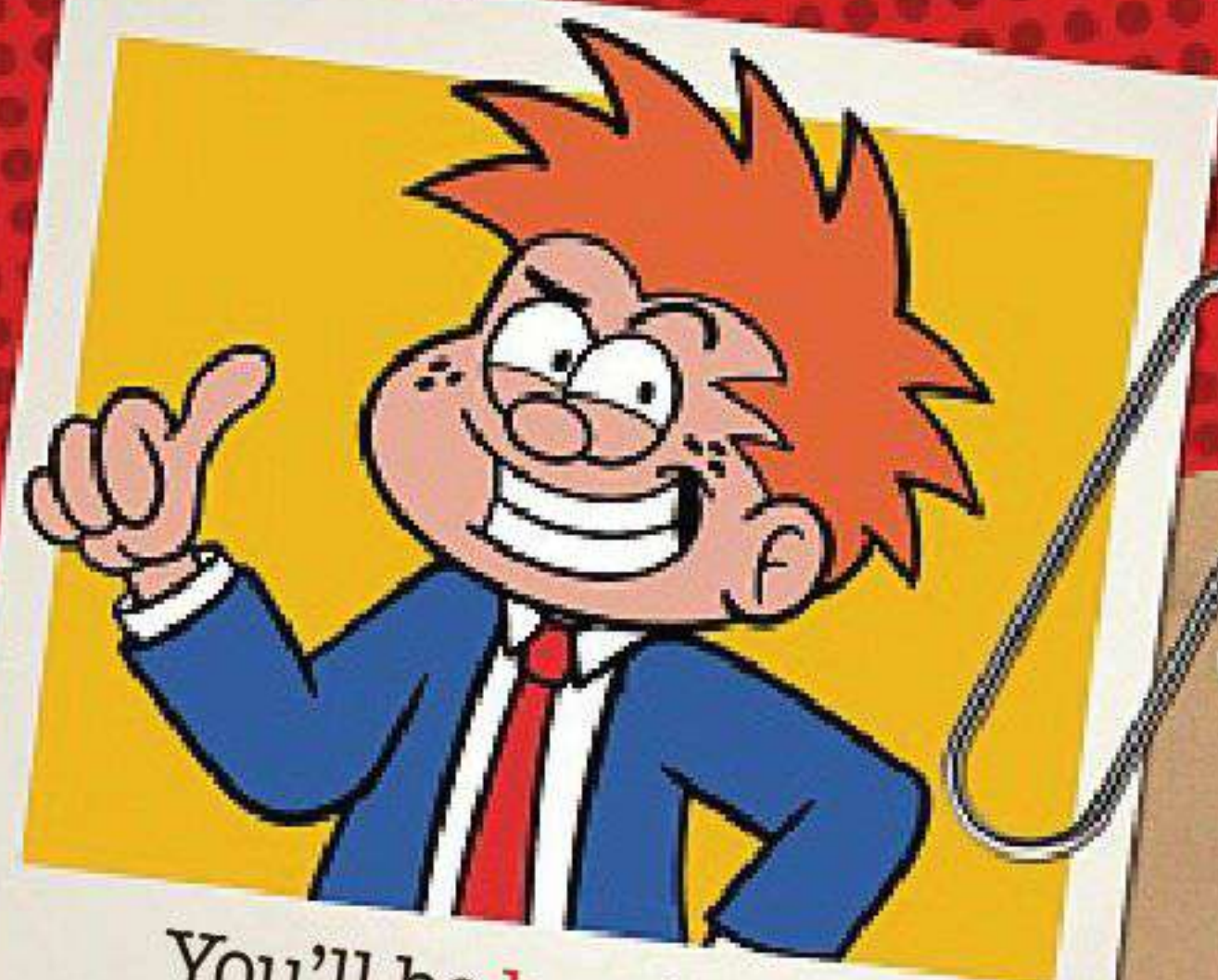
THAT MUST BE THE BEST WRESTLE RUMBLE MAIN EVENT EVER!

HEE-HEE! I KNEW IT WOULD BE A WHILE BEFORE I GOT RUMBLED!

WORDS: Danny Pearson ART: Shannon Gallant



Why did Smiffy's family get rid of the hoover? Because it was only collecting dust!



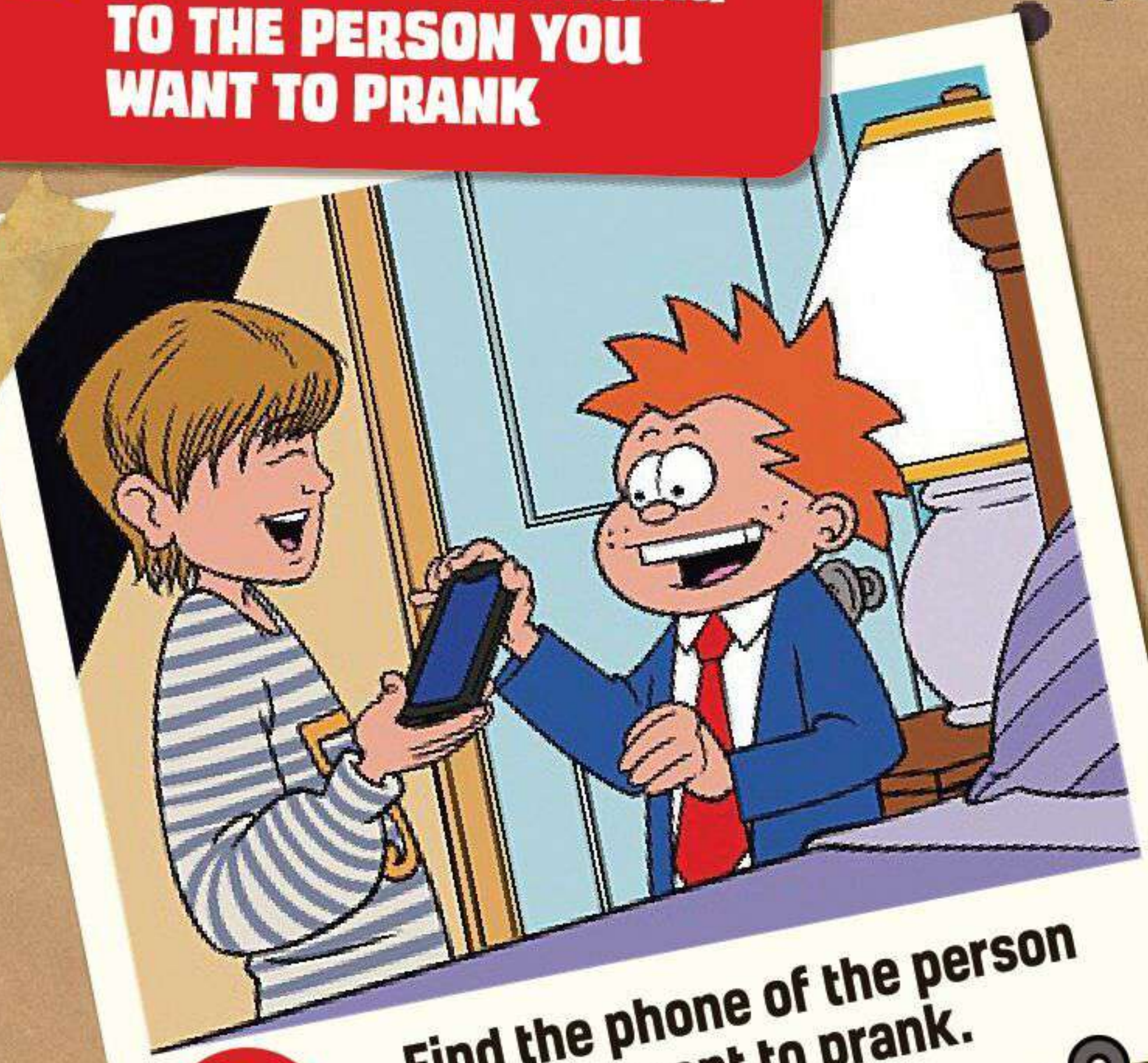
You'll be **band** from pranking after this!

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TOP SECRET

YOU'LL NEED

- A LOT OF RUBBER BANDS
- THE PHONE BELONGING TO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO PRANK



1

Find the phone of the person you want to prank.



2

Wrap rubber bands around it. Keep going until the phone looks like a rubber band ball.



3

Put the phone back where you found it.



4

Call the phone. Soon, you'll be the only one they'll be calling!



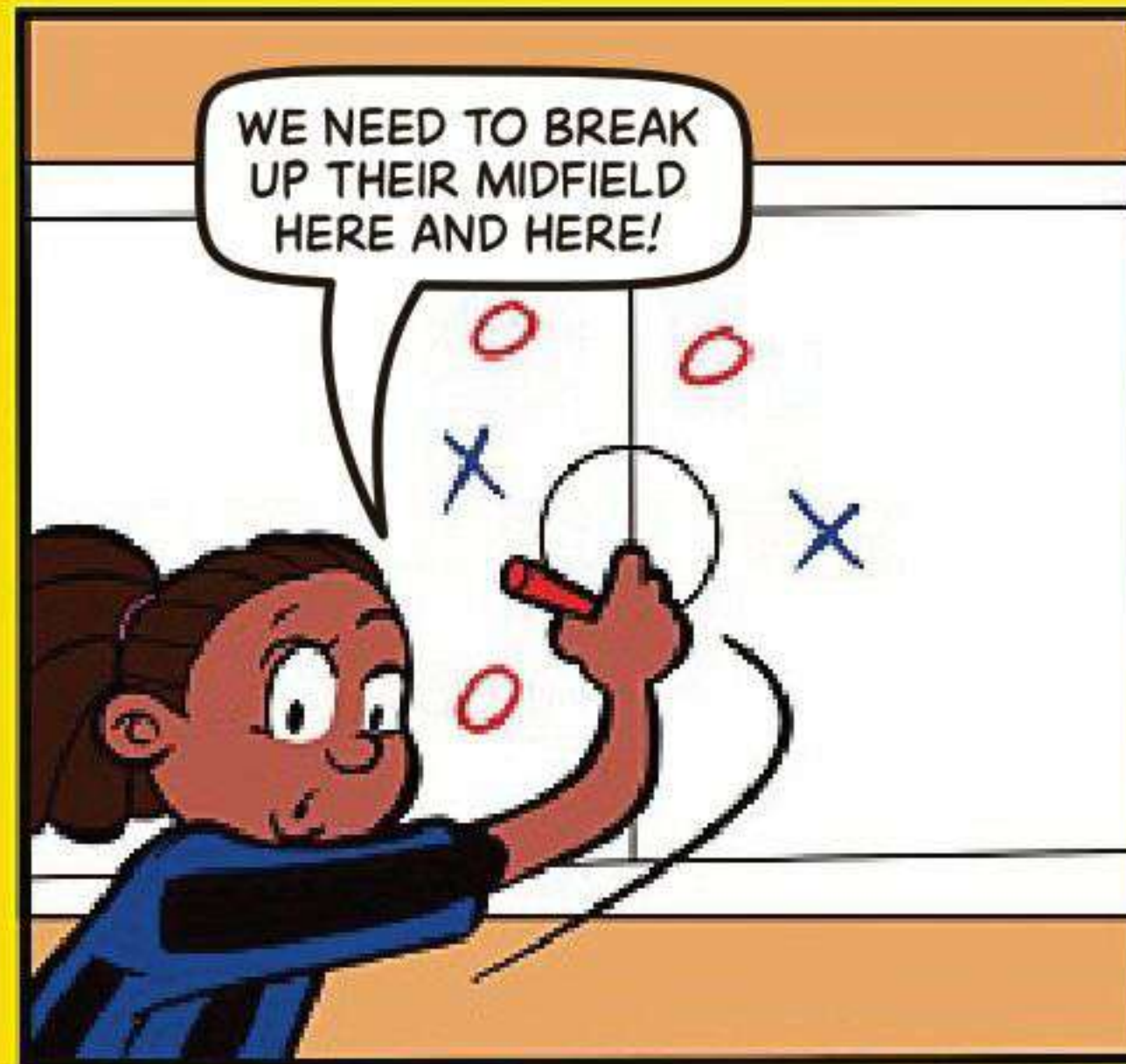
I CAN'T WAIT TO USE IT ON MY DAD BECAUSE HE'S ON HIS PHONE ALL THE TIME!





Freewheeling, freestyle fun!

HALF-TIME IN THE CHANGING ROOM...



WORDS: Hugh Raine ART: Wayne Thompson

ANGEL FACE INVESTIGATES

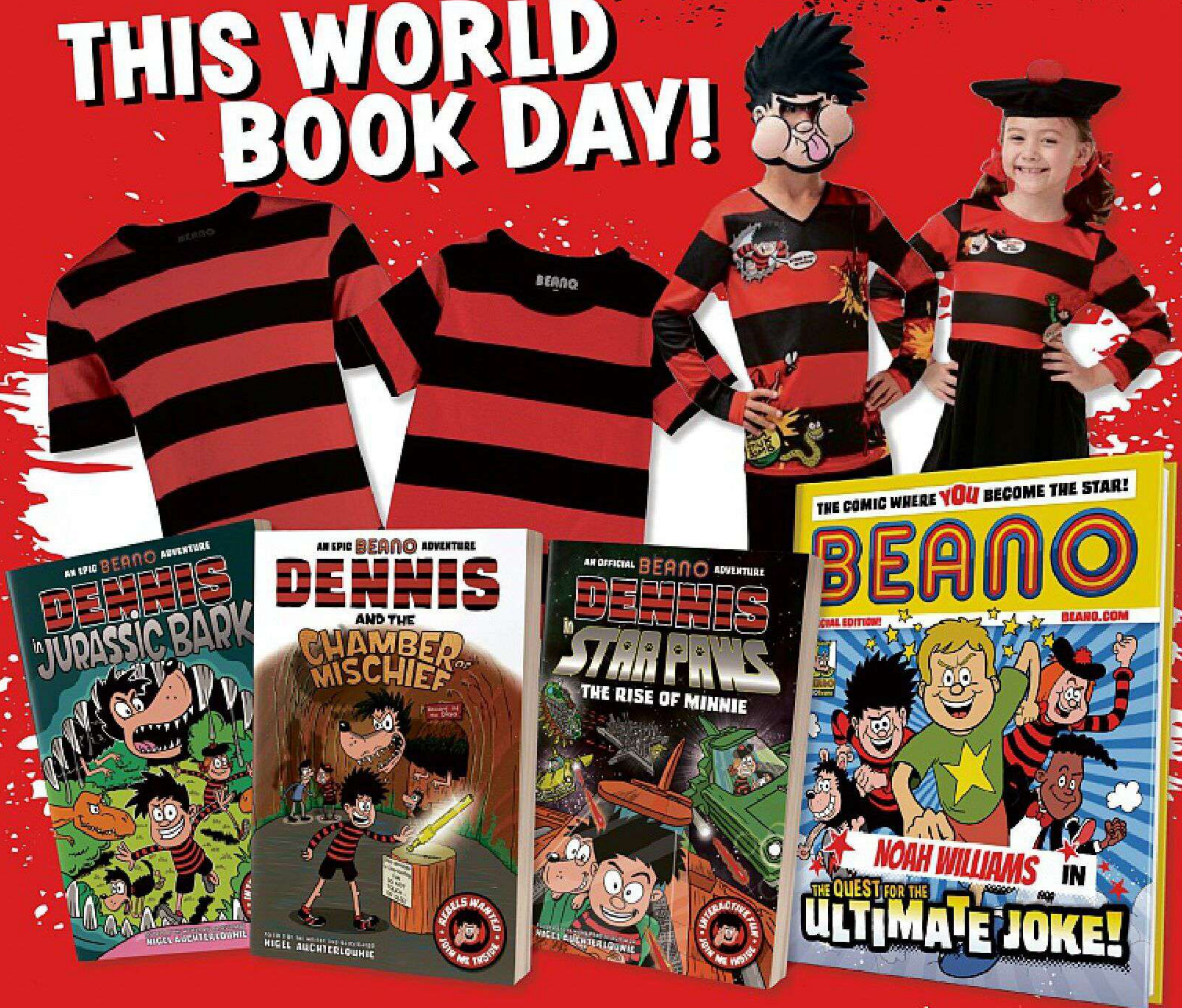
Detective for hire!



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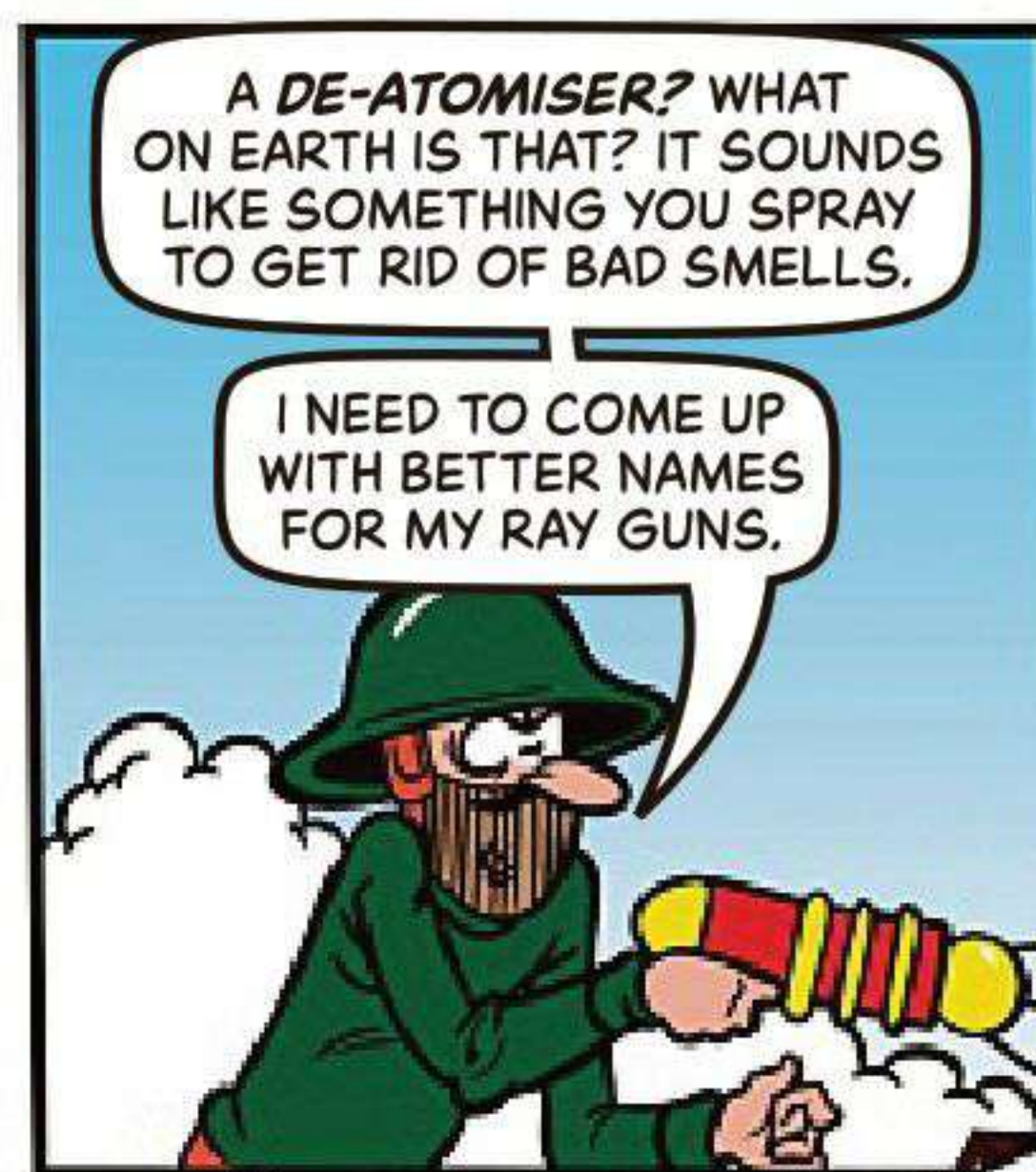
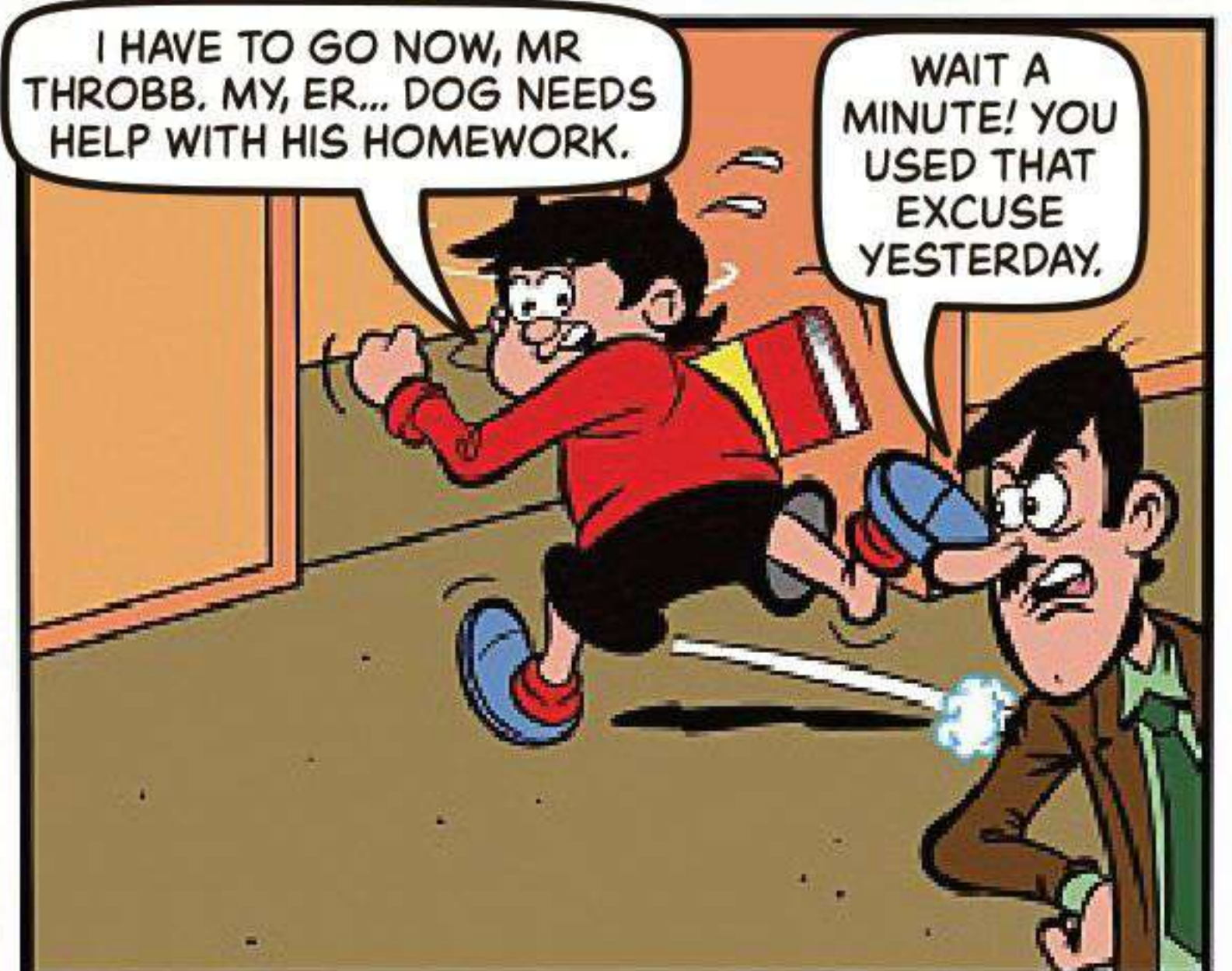
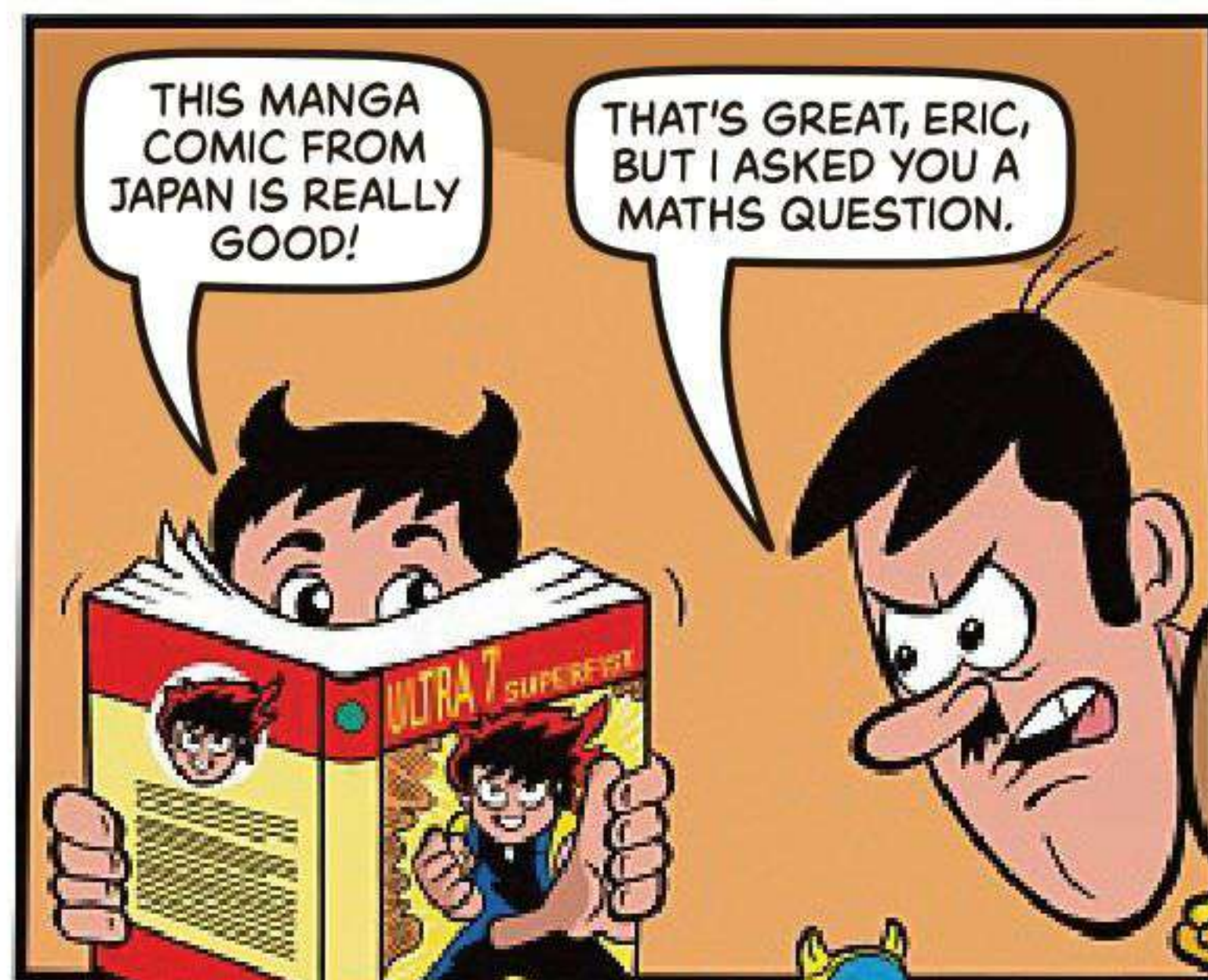
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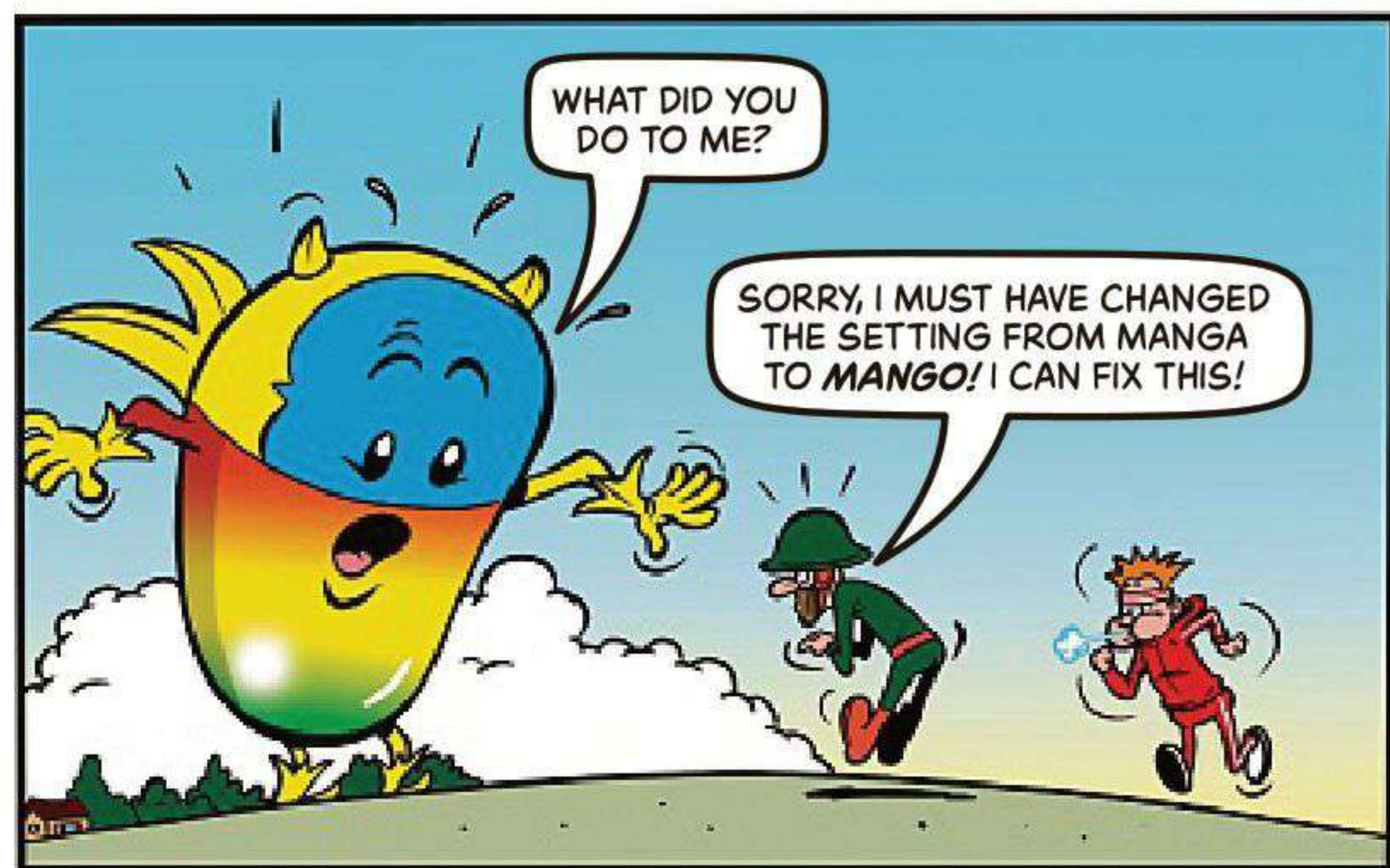
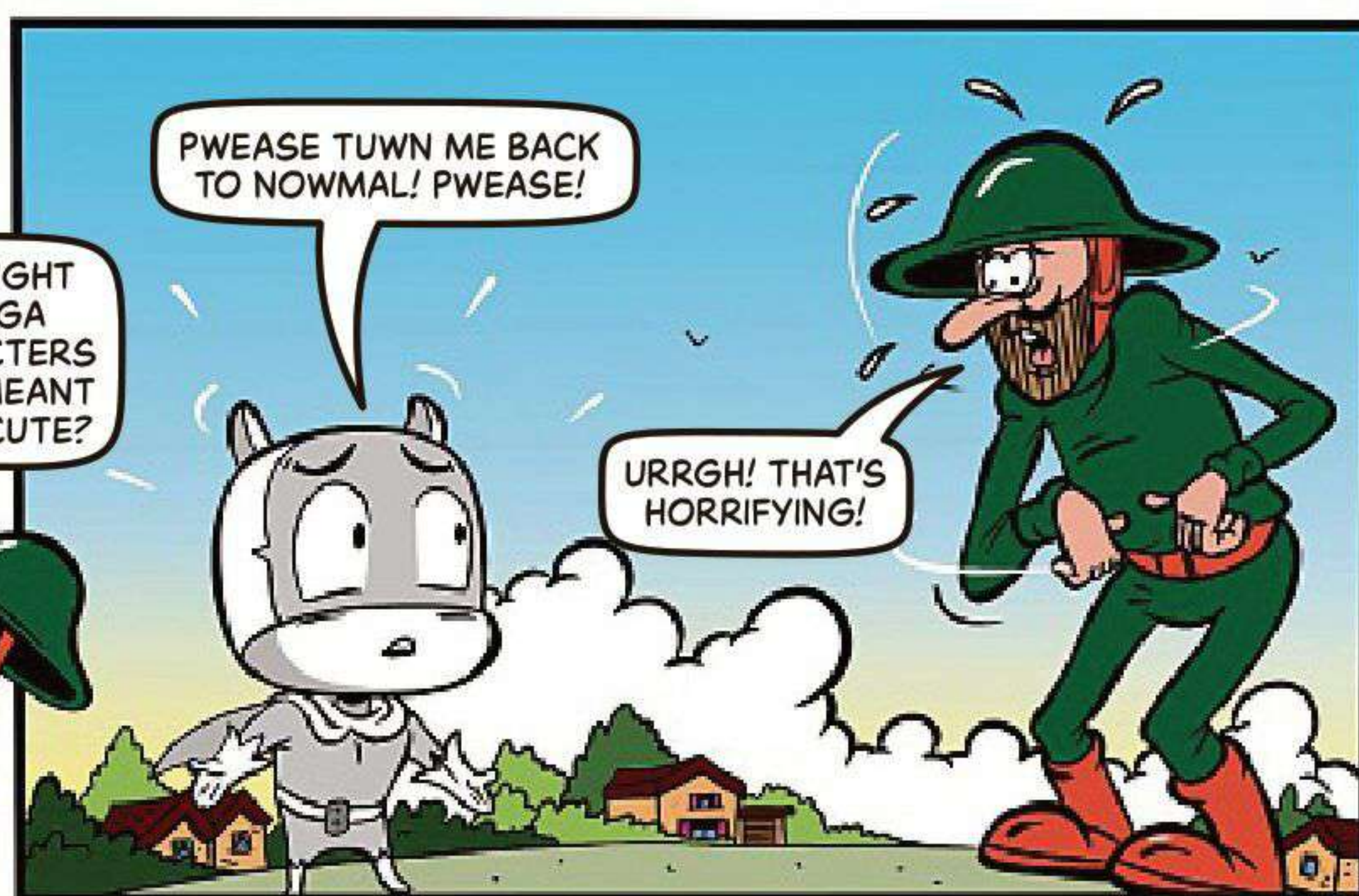


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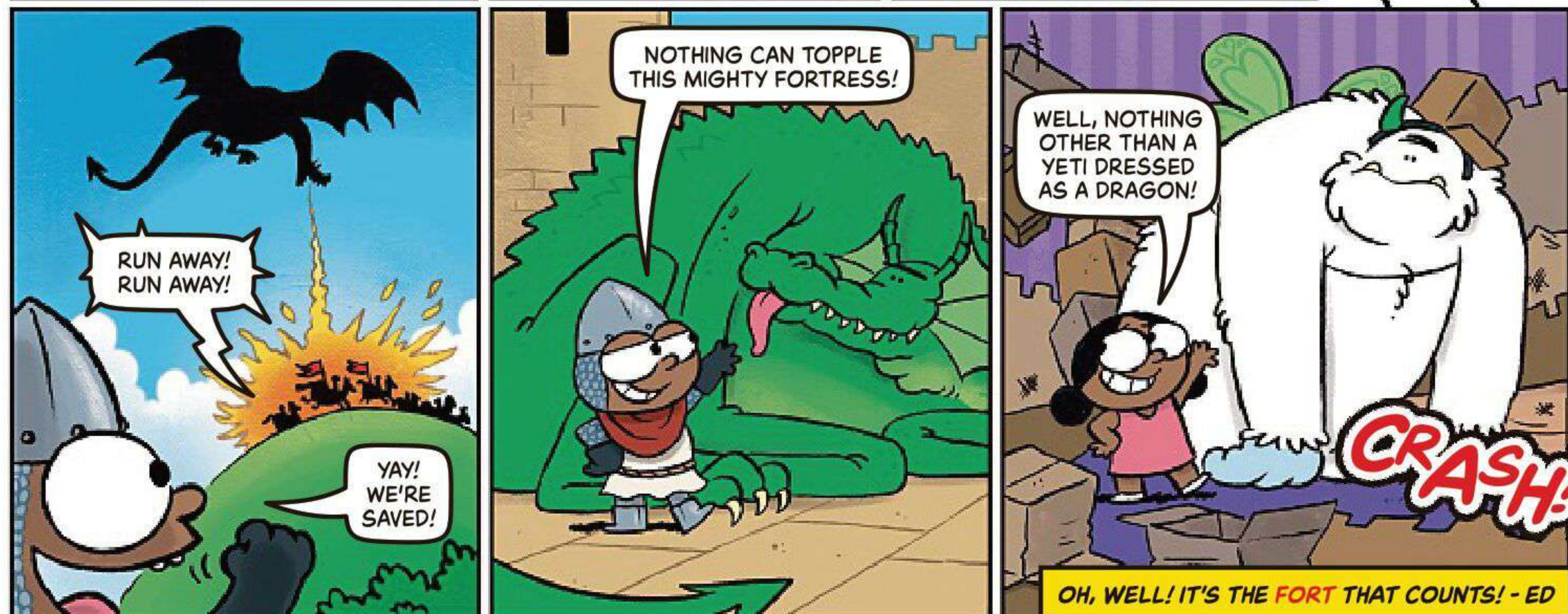




What did the laundry worker say to the impatient customer? **'Keep your shirt on!'**

BETTY AND THE YETI!!

THE ORDINARY GIRL WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY BEST FRIEND!



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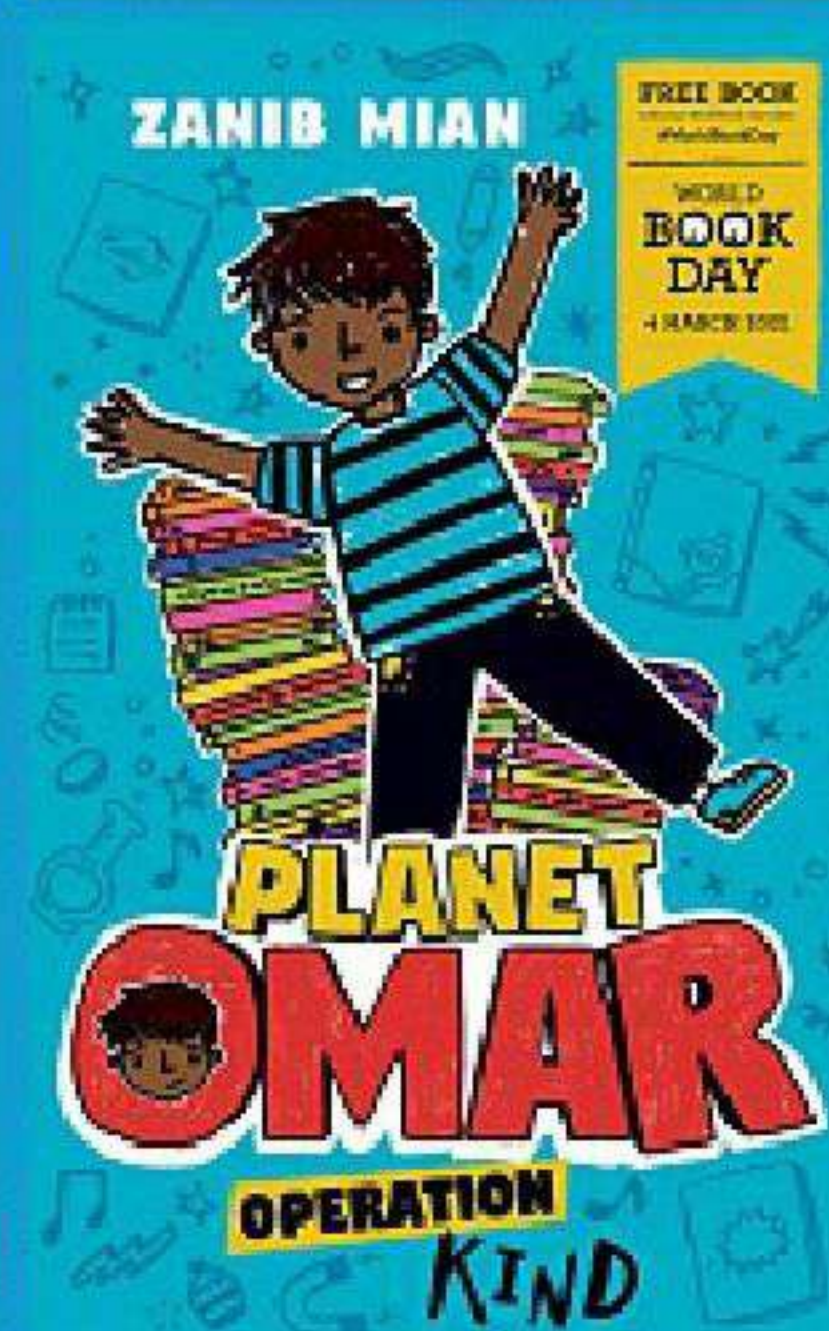
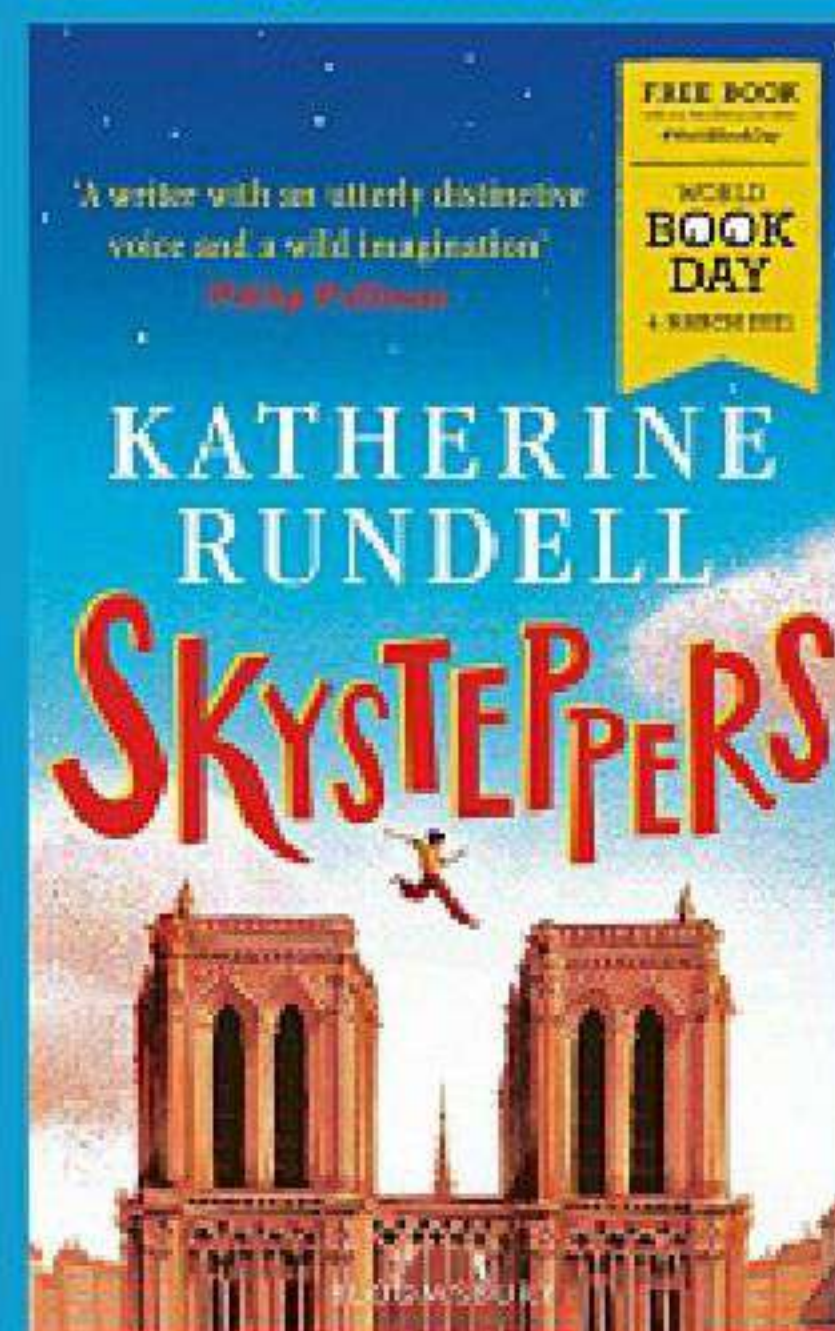
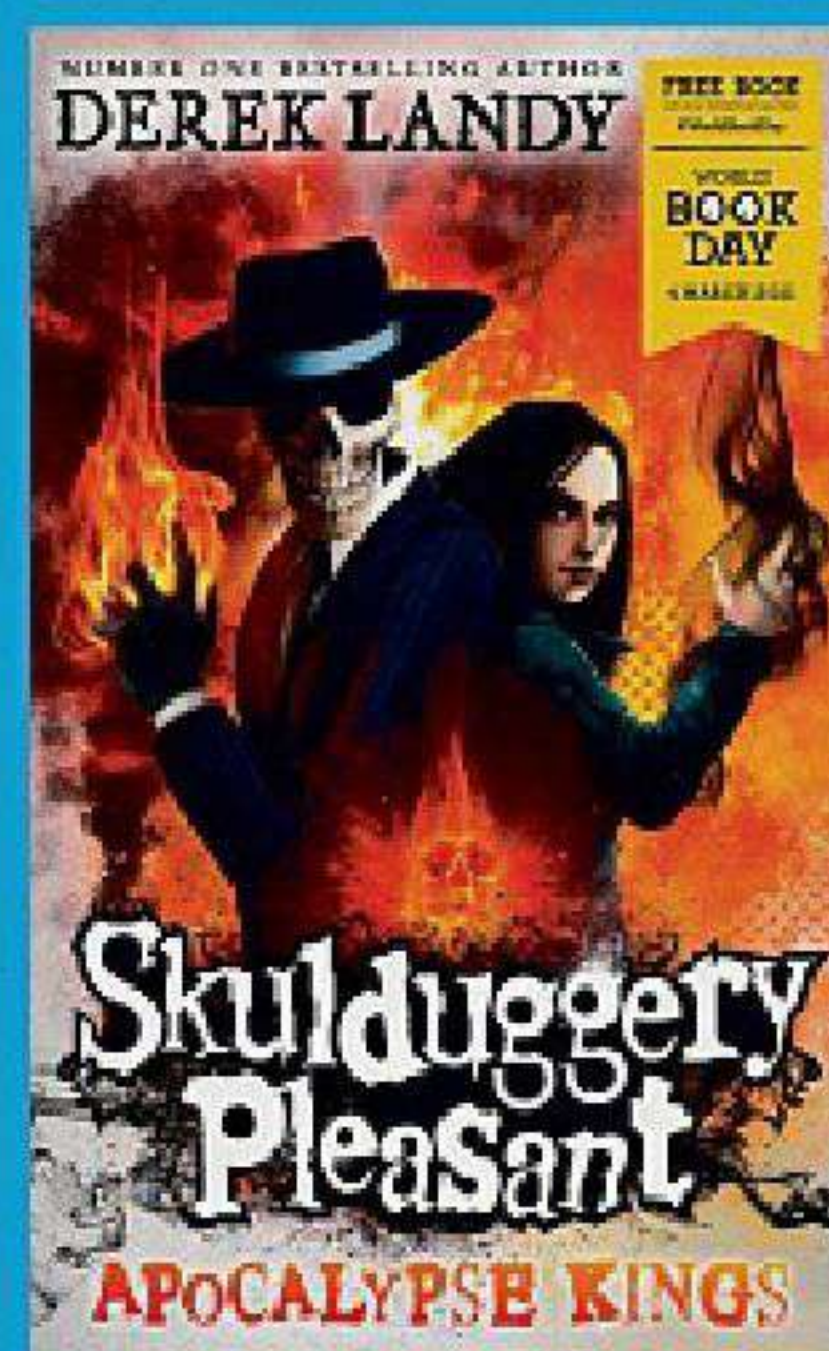
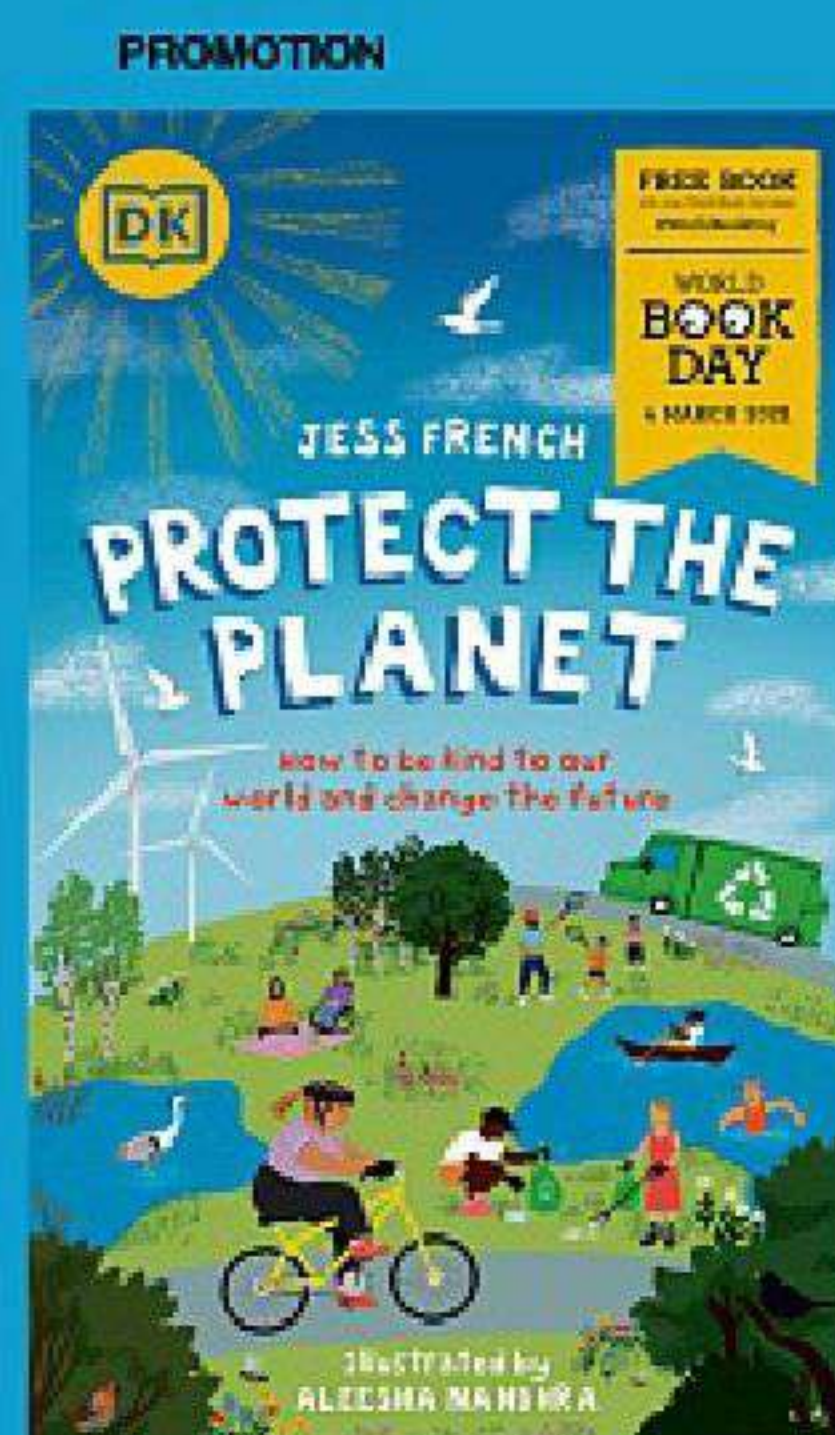
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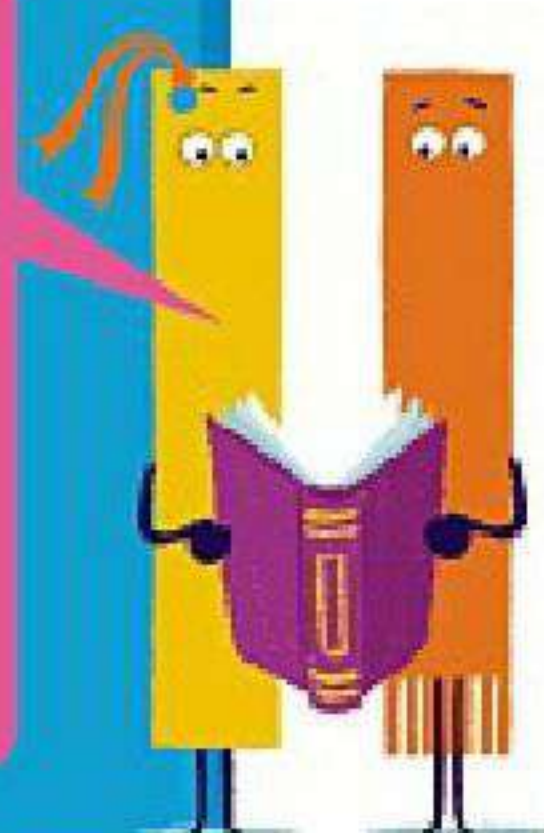
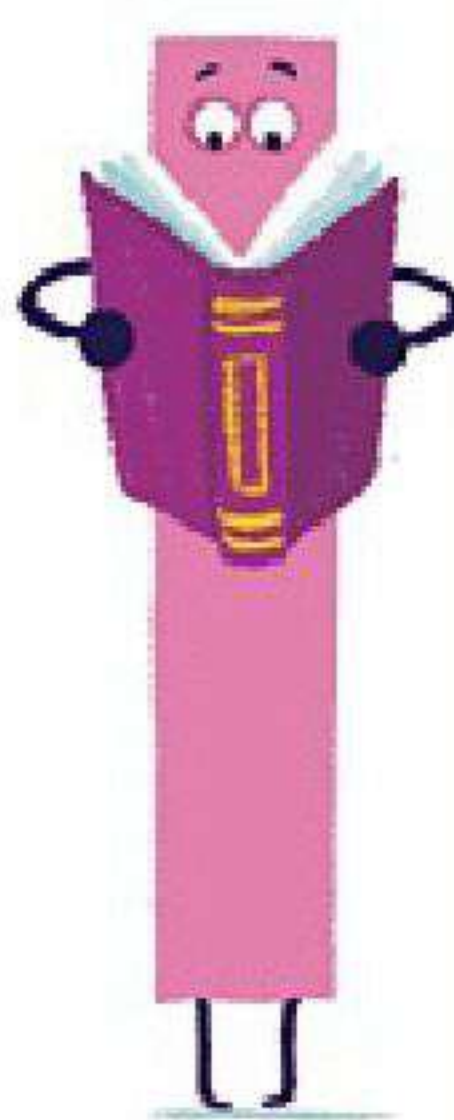
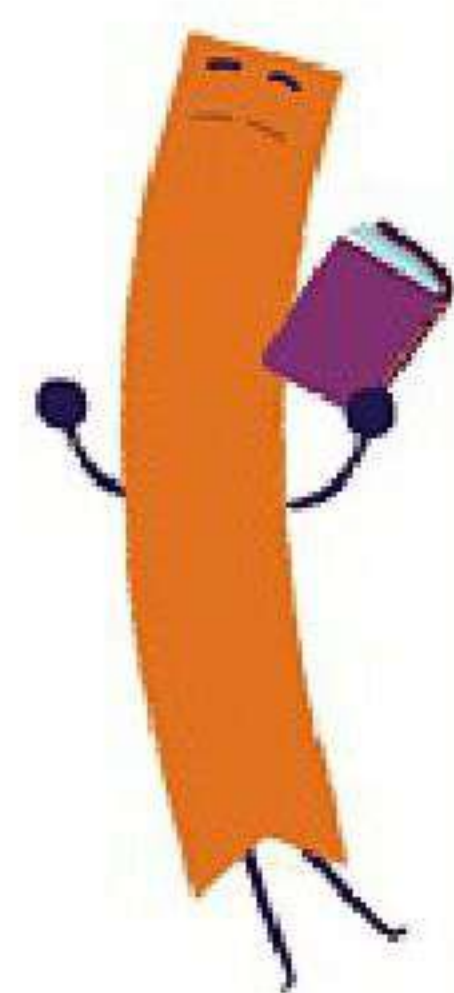
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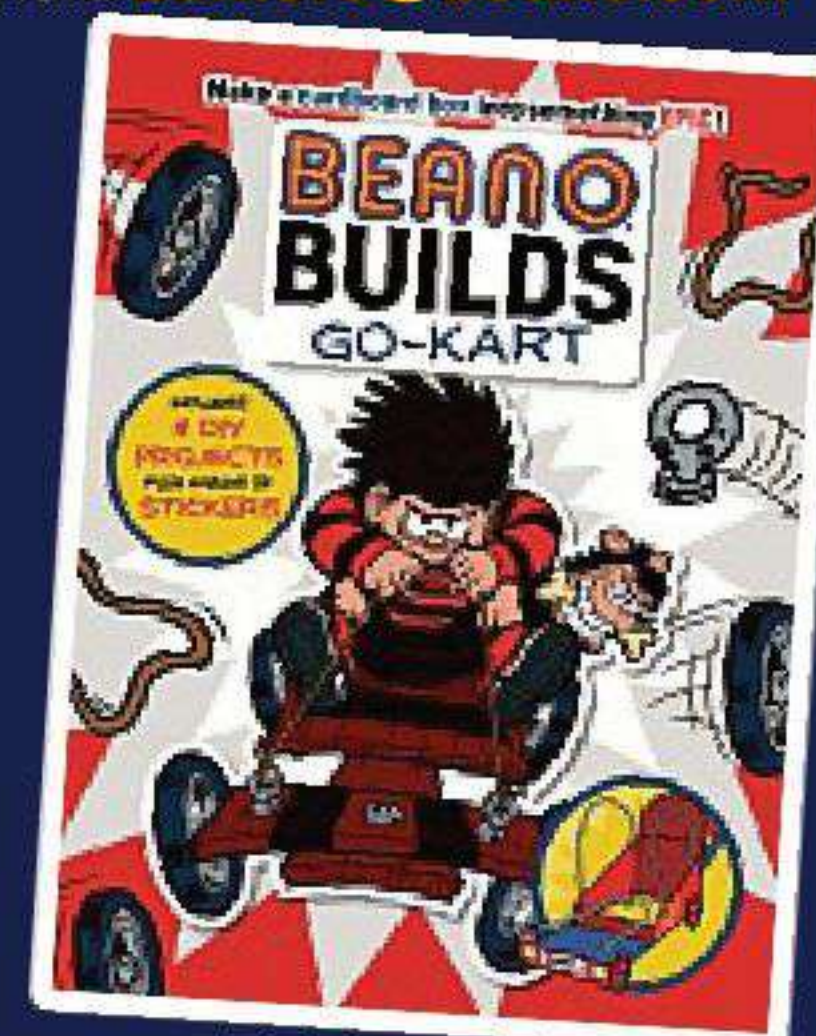
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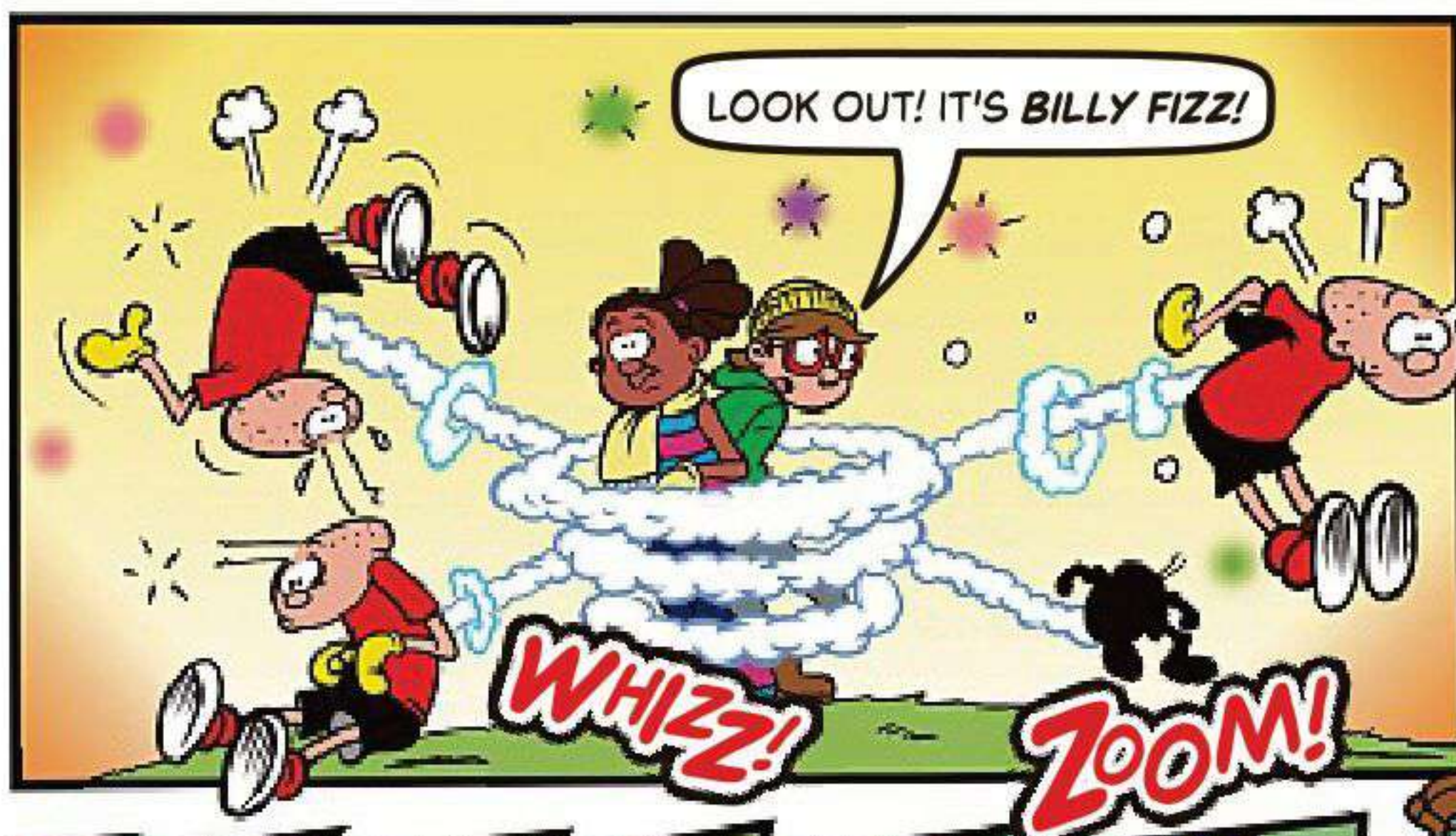
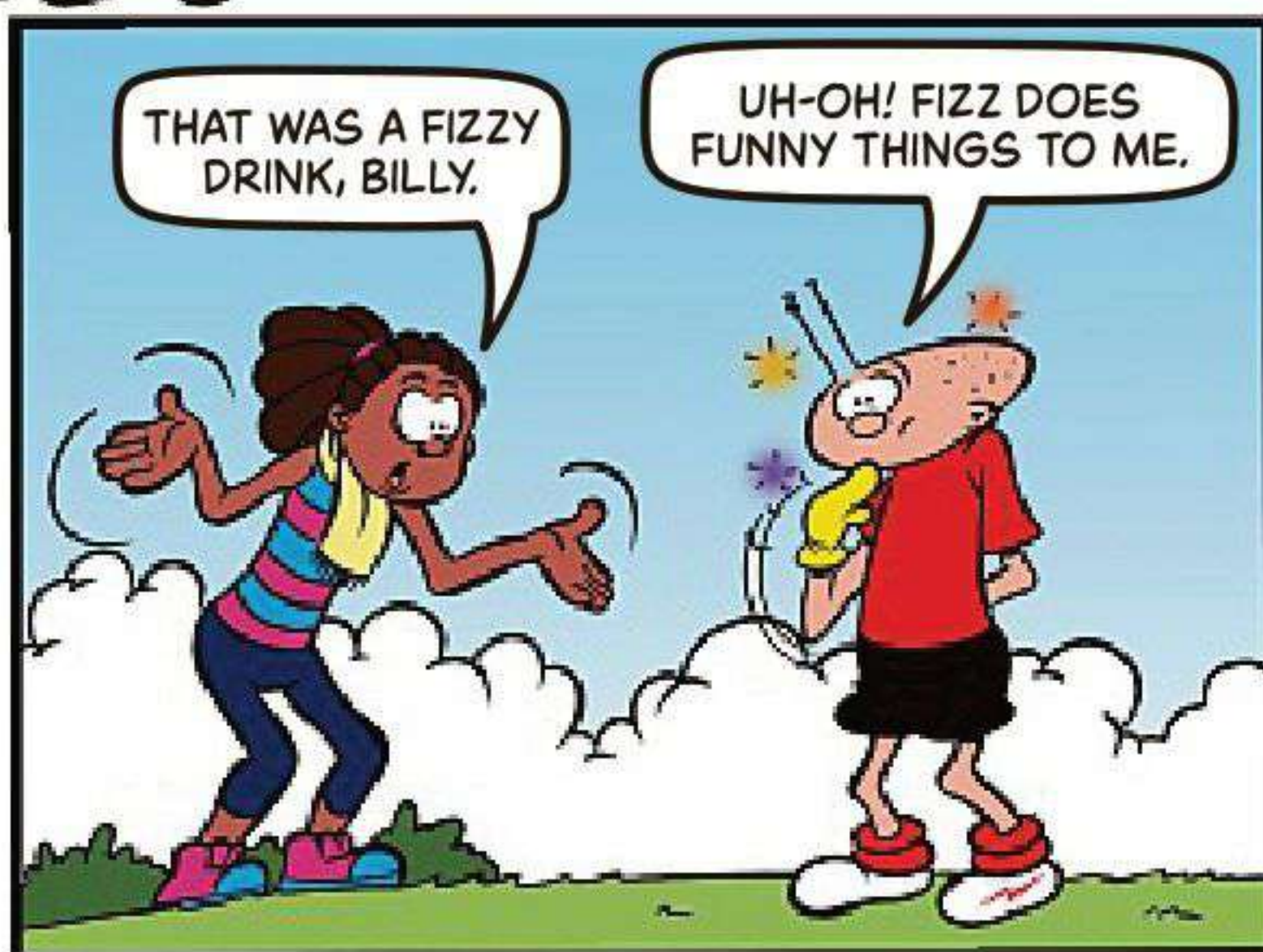
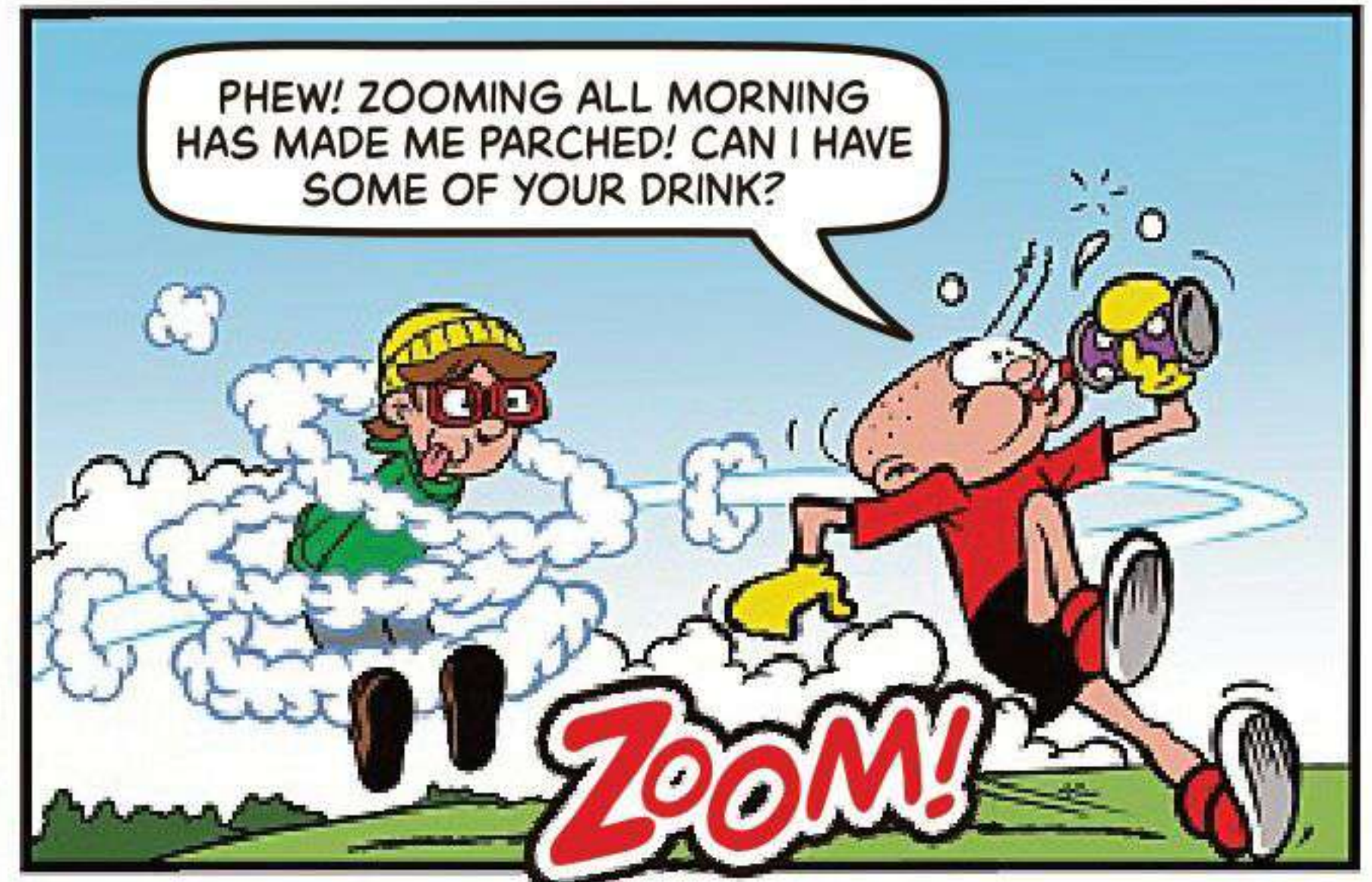
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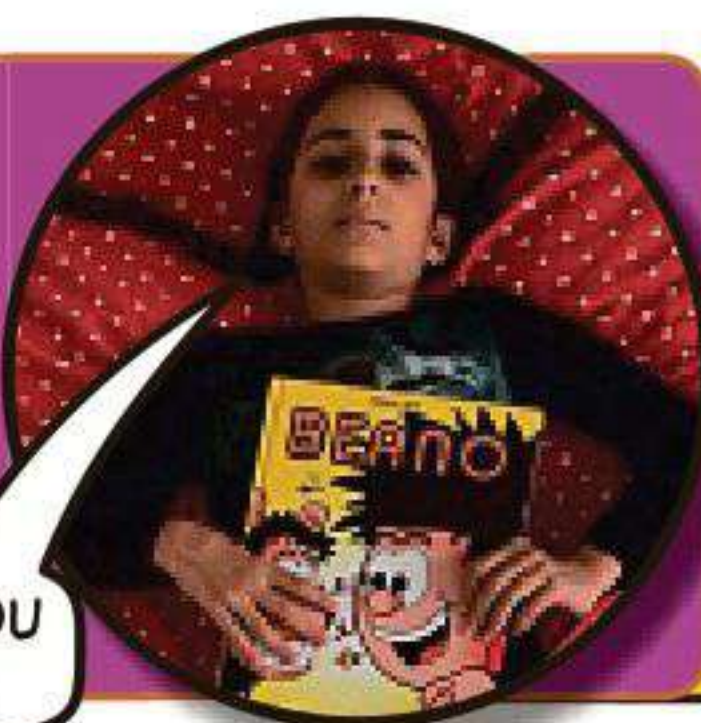
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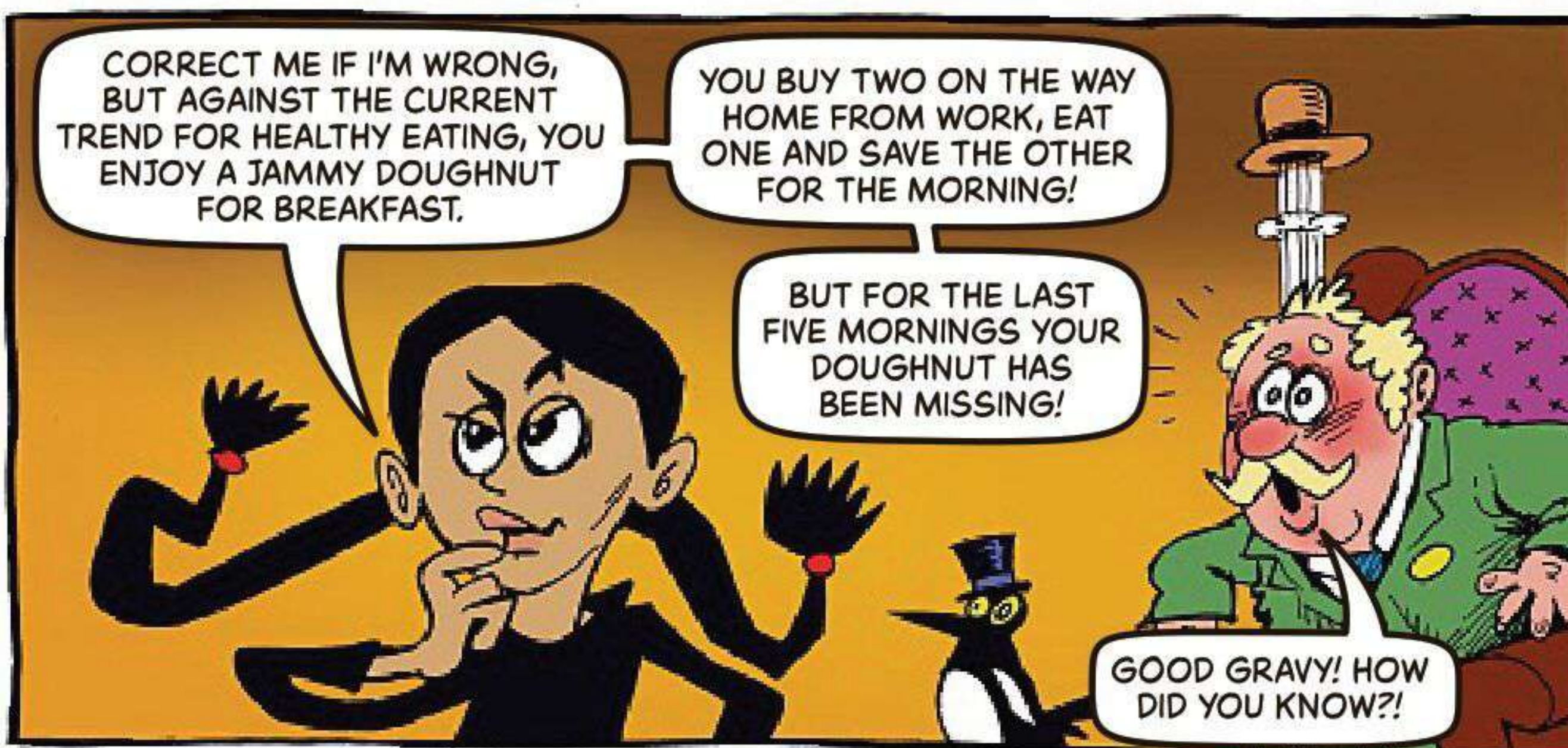
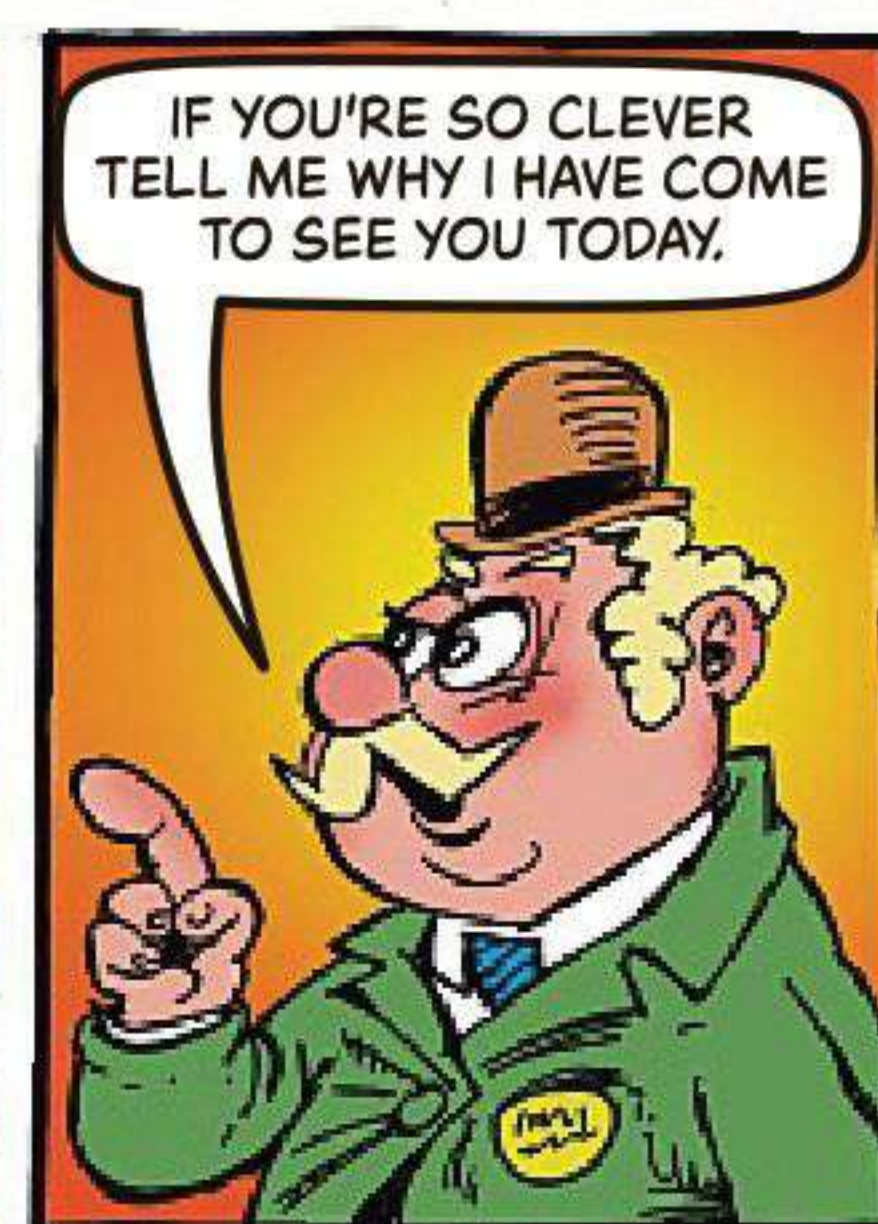
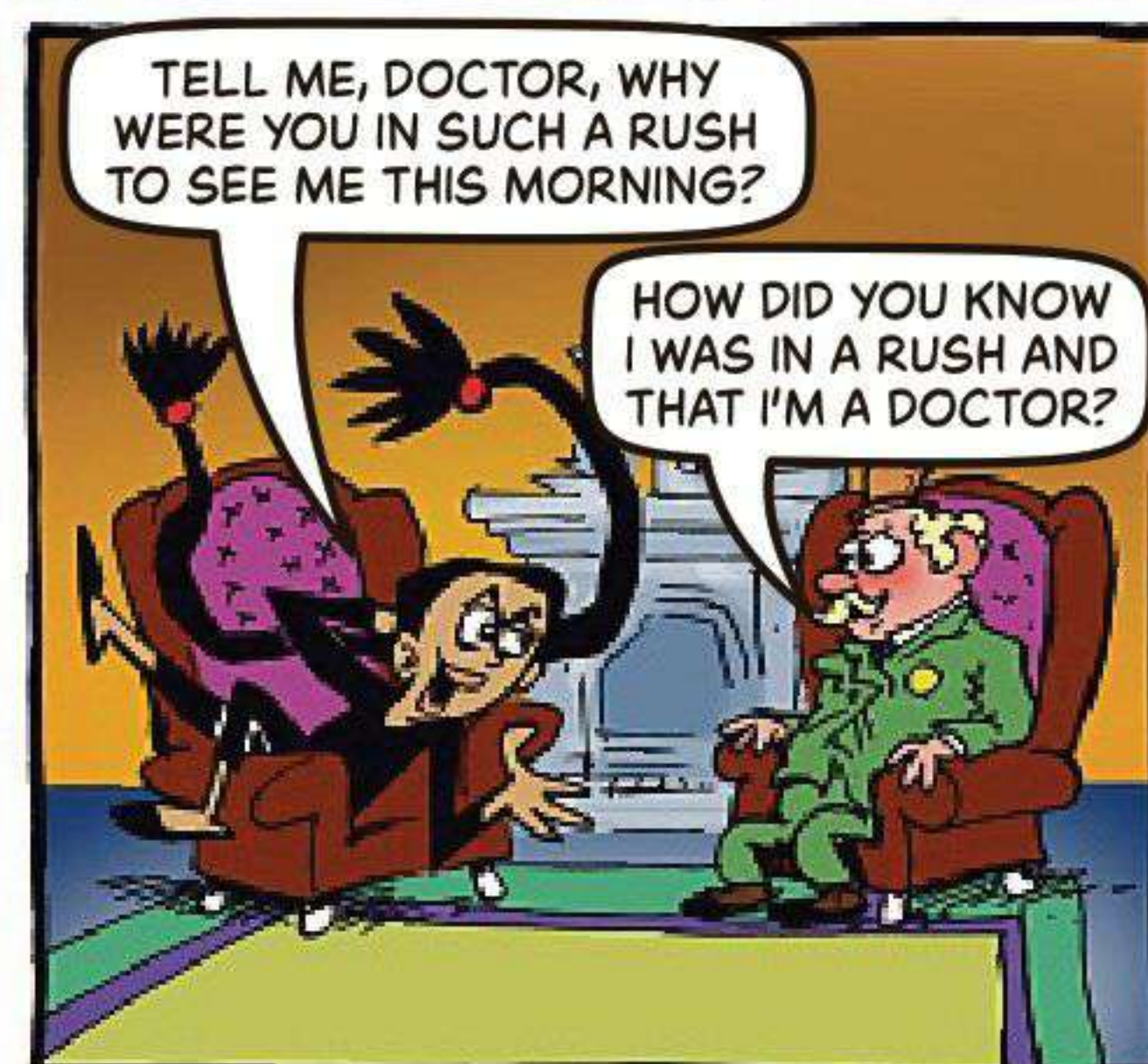
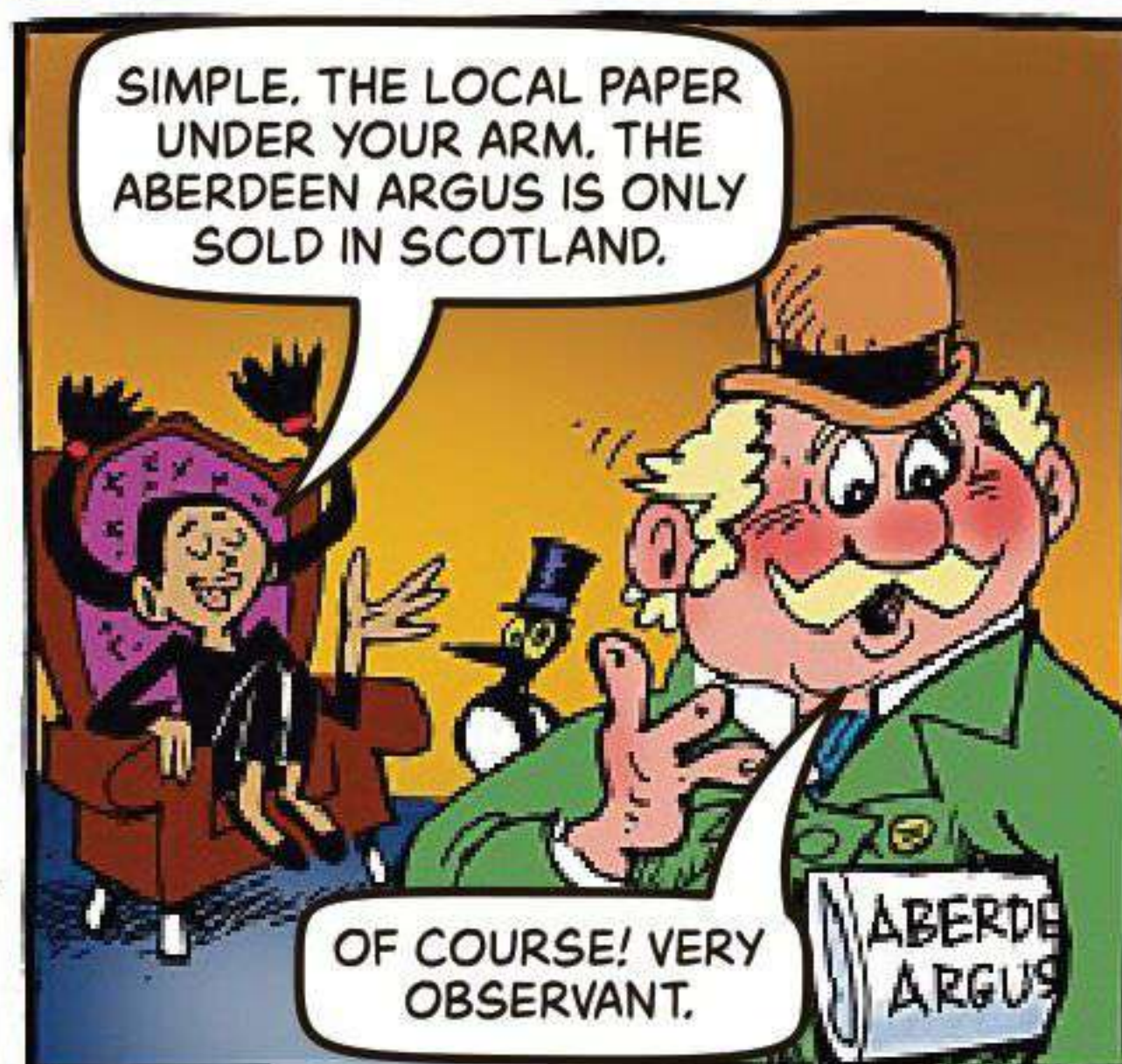
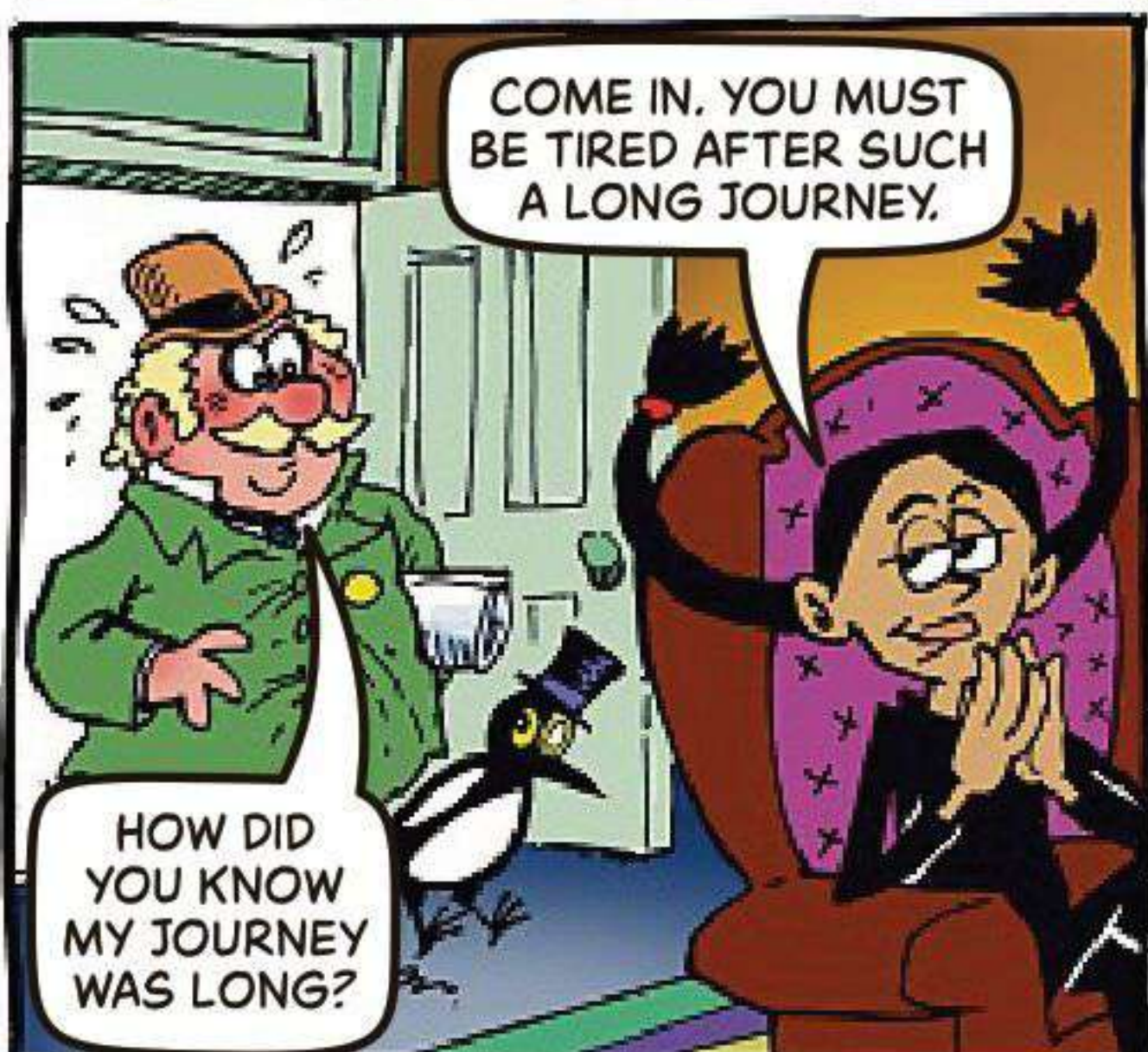
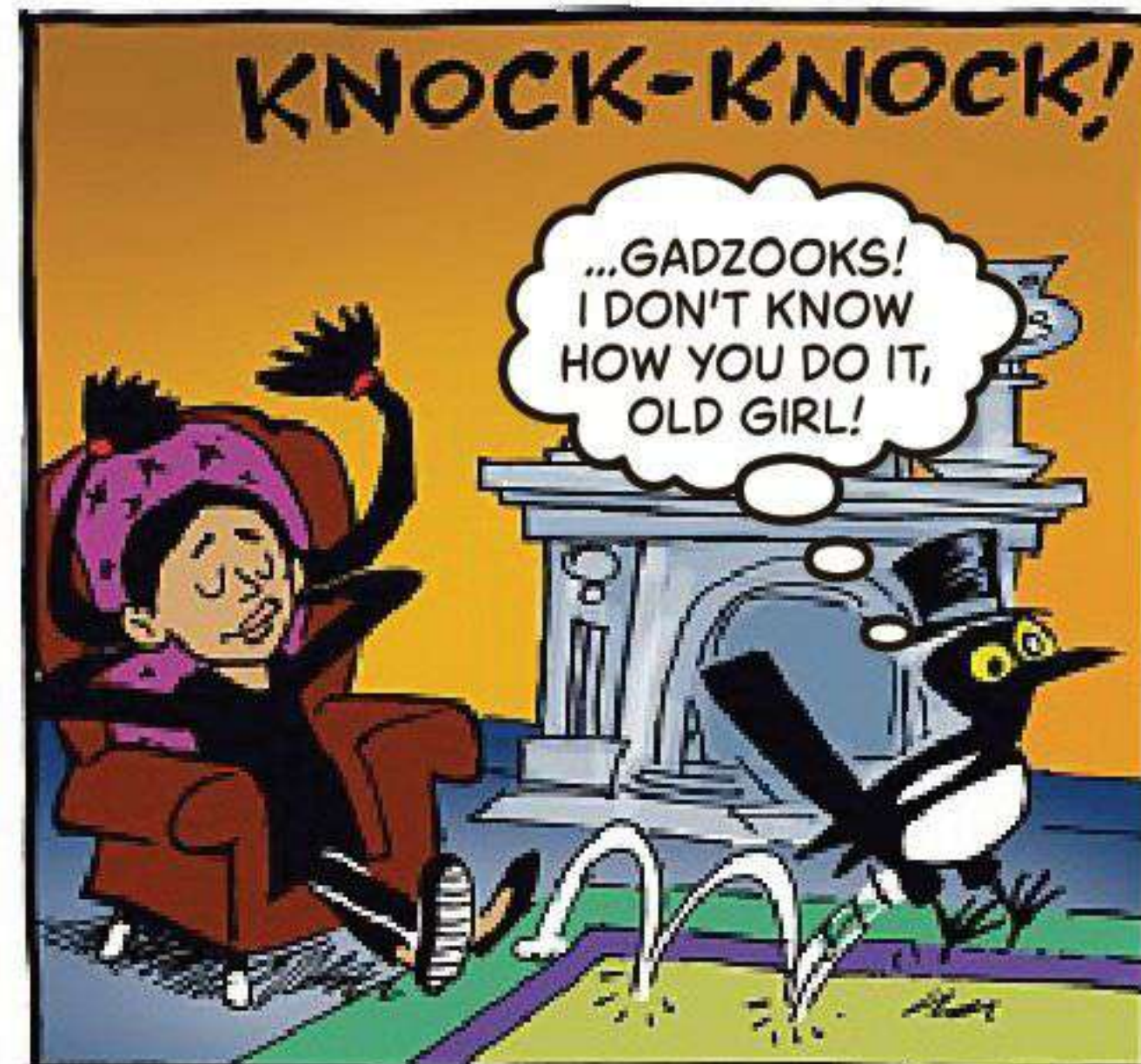
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